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Fort Almanac—Dec. 19

Sun Rises	7 06 A M
Sun Sets	4 49 P M
Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	3.07 P M
High Water at Wilmington	4.47 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 19.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 42°; 8 p. m., 54°; maximum, 63°; minimum, 42°; mean, 56°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.70.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The cold wave covers the country from the Middle States southwest over the Tennessee and lower Mississippi valleys to Texas, with freezing weather noted. Temperatures are below zero over Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and thence north.

FORECAST FOR TO DAY.

For North Carolina—Rain; colder; north to northeast winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a.m., 4.9 feet.

OUTLINES.

Both houses of Congress adjourned yesterday for the holidays, to reassemble January 5th; the relief measure for the Klondike miners passed. —— English newspapers ridicule Emperor Williams high-flown utterances to Prince Henry, on the occasion of the latter's departure from Kiel for Chinese waters. —— Fire broke out in the cargo of cotton of the British steamer Aries, at Norfolk, Va; fire engines were unable to extinguish the fire, and the steamer was towed out into the stream. —— Fitzsimmons says he will not fight McCoy or any one else; that he has retired from the ring. —— The Southern Railway will acquire the Memphis & Charleston railroad January 1st. —— A slight earthquake shock was felt at Ashland, Va., at 6 40 yesterday evening. —— Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining. —— A Russian squadron has entered Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the acquiescence of the Chinese government. —— Enormous deliveries of wheat on the Chicago market have not disturbed the bull clique, headed by Joseph Leiter; they have money on deposit to pay for all purchases. —— John Anderson, cook of the schooner Oliver Pecker, charged with the murder of the captain and mate of the vessel, will be put on trial in the United States Court at Norfolk, Va., Monday. —— Richmond, Va., reports a slight earthquake shock last evening. —— The dry goods market shows more activity; shipments are heavy, particularly in staple cottons. —— The American Federation of Labor appropriated $500 to aid the striking engineers in England. —— Another juror in the Luetgert trial is under suspicion. ——

—— New York markets: Money on call was nominal at 2@3 per cent; cotton quiet; middling 5⅞c; flour was inactive but nominally steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 98¾c f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot steady; No. 2 34½c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 40@1 45; spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

Emperor William carries a loaded pistol in his hip pocket. Judging from his speeches and public pranks, he is very often loaded himself.

A woman arrested for attempting to pass a half dollar of the off color grade, accounted for the color by saying that she got it from a colored man.

The champion horse thief turns up in Chicago, with a confessed record of horse and buggy stealing to the amount of $75,000. But perhaps he put up this job to get into jail and escape four wives who were pursuing him.

Hon. Josiah Patterson, of Tennessee, says he is getting tired of politics. It shouldn't take one long to tire of the kind of politics he keeps in stock. Honest, stalwart politics got tired of Josiah about a year and a half ago.

A Republican contemporary thinks that the people in the South who show a disposition to disfranchise the negroes have little respect for those portions of the constitution adopted since the war. They are entitled to little respect.

Some people in Washington object to Speaker Reed's red necktie, and some also object to the belly band he wears in summer, but they have failed to induce him to subdue the hue of his tie or contract the dimensions of his b. b.

The second jury in the Luetgert case has been interviewing that vat so they can fully comprehend the vat of oratory that will be turned loose on them as the case progresses. The experts and the assorted stock of bones haven't put in an appearance yet.

The champion giant mule was shipped last week from Chicago for London, where it will constitute an attractive feature in a menagerie. It is 19 hands 2½ inches high, and weighs 1830 pounds, though not in good flesh. It is a Missouri product.

The New York *Sun*, which now shines for Hanna, rises to ask: "Is or is not the Republican party held together by a common belief of its members in a certain distinctive body of principles and doctrines?" It is not. It is held together by the cohesive power of public plunder and no one knows this better than the propounder of the quoted inquiry.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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The people of this country are paying $2 *per capita* in pensions, or $10 per tax payer. The New York *World* argues that if the pension business was properly and honestly managed and without any politics in it, the people of this country would now be paying $ 7,500,000 in pensions, instead of $141,000,000. But there isn't as much capital for the pension boomers in $17,500,000 as there is in $141,000,000.

The city council of Mankato, Kansas, is composed of æsthetic gentlemen who draw the line on ancient ballads. Last year they outlawed "After the Ball" by imposing a fine of fifty cents on any person caught singing or whistling it. They now serve notice that "There Will be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" is prospectively on the tabooed list.

Mr. Privet, of Providence, R. I, is a believer in dreams. He dreamed the other night that he saw the corner grocer kissing his wife, and the first thing he did in the morning was to charge his gun and pump an ounce or two of shot into that surprised grocer.

The U. S. Agricultural Appropriation bill carries $10,000 for an agricultural experiment station in Alaska. Oranges and pumpkins and Norton yams do not flourish up there, but icicles, blizzards, &c., are produced abundantly with very little cultivation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STAR—Printer wanted.
WIL. ST'P WORKS—Seals.
D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
CLYDE LINE—Sailing days.
OPERA HOUSE—The Lees.
MERCER & EVANS—A card.
E. VANLAER—New pianos.
W. B. COOPER—Free silver.
SEACOAST ROAD—Schedule.
JAS. C. MUNDS—Royal cigar.
A. PREMPERT—Barber shop.
S. W. SANDERS—Fat turkeys.
F. T. MILLS—Horses and mules.
A. D. BROWN—A few specialties.
F H. STEDMAN—Money to lend.
D. O'CONNOR—Real estate agent.
W.E. WORTH & CO—Santa Claus.
J. H. TAYLOR JR—Stoves at cost.
CITIZENS' B. & L. A.—New stock.
MYERS & LEWIS—Xmas novelties.
S. R. TOWNSEND—Presses for sale.
NOTICE—Stonewall Lodge K. of P.
J. J. SHEPARD—Christmas presents.
NOTICE—Sale of valuable real estate.
I. B. RHODES—Proud as a peacock.
J. W. MURCHISON—Onward, march!
J. H. REHDER & CO.—Xmas presents
MASONIC—Meeting Concord Chapter.
J. A. SPRINGER & CO.—Everyday coal.
JAS. D. NUTT—Druggist and chemist
C. W. POLVOGT CO—Greatest values.
A. F. FANTOPULAR—Christmas goods
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN—Provisions.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

ATLANTIC TEA CO.—Fresh coffee.
J. J. BURNETT—For this week only.
P. H. HAYDEN—Dog carts, harness.
W. P. OLDHAM & CO.—Just arrived.

Delightful Social Function.

One of the most delightful of social functions was given Thursday last by Mrs. J. Kahn, formerly of Atlanta, but now making Wilmington her home. It was a wagonette party to Wrightsville Sound and was complimentary to Miss Clara Baum, of Fort Worth, Texas, who is visiting at Mrs. A. David's. Those composing the party were Miss Baum, Miss Blanche David, Miss Marcella Shrier, Mr. and Mrs. L Stein Mr. and Mrs I L. Greenewald, Mr. M. W. Jacobi, Mr. and Mrs Joe Kahn. The party left Mr. David's about eleven o'clock a. m. At the Sound an elaborate lunch, including coffee and other refreshments, was served by the amiable hostess, who spared no pains to make the occasion a most delightful one both to the guests and to the amiable young lady in whose honor the party was given.

Prof. Holmes in the City.

Prof. J. A. Holmes, State Geologist, arrived in Wilmington last night on the belated Atlantic Coast Line train, and while in the city is the guest of Mr. B. F Hall. Prof. Holmes came from Castle Haynes, where he has been inspecting the phosphate beds purchased by the State, and will return there to-morrow. While in the city Prof. Holmes will inspect the different substances—rock, clay, etc., through which the drill and bit of the artesian well at Hilton has been driven, and a specimen of each has been preserved for him.

Next Wednesday.

The first issue of the *Daily Review*, under the new management, will appear on Wednesday next. There has been some delay, as there always is in cases of this kind, because of a failure of the material to arrive when expected. We are told that the *Review* has already a large subscription list. Success to it.

Examine the 5, 10 and 25c. counters of Toys at Rehder's, Fourth street. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— Services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock this morning.

— Messrs. W. P. Oldham & Co. announce that they have received a car load of fine apples.

— Dr. J. A. Cunninggim, Presiding Elder of the Durham District, is seriously sick at Greensboro.

— The Board of Audit and Finance will meet in regular session Tuesday afternoon at 3 30 o'clock.

— Register of Deeds Norwood issued marriage licenses the past week to two white and five colored couples.

— Rev. Mr. Oliver has returned to the city and will preach at the usual hours to day in the First Baptist church

— Up to last night the artesian well being drilled at Hilton had been driven to a depth of two hundred and seventy feet.

— Note the ad. of the well known druggist, Mr. James D. Nutt, in this issue. Everything pertaining to a strictly first class drug store is his motto.

— Justice Bunting yesterday morning united a colored couple, Luke Graddy and Anna Jane Nickson, both of Cape Fear township, in marriage.

— A rare treat is promised all who attend the art exhibition Tuesday night at Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Westminster League.

— To-morrow evening, at the regular meeting of Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, action will be taken on the report of the special committee on benefits and dues.

— Mr. S. R. Townsend, Red Springs, N. C., offers for sale or rent a Printing and Job Press. Also, for sale, building lots for residences or stores in the flourishing town of Red Springs.

— One of the city ministers requests the STAR to state that to-day being the third Sunday in December, all the churches will take up a collection for the Associated Charities. He urges the importance of a liberal response.

— The attention of sports, both young and old, is directed to the proclamation of Mayor Wright, printed in the STAR, concerning the suspension of the ordinance as to ordinary fire-crackers only. The "big fellows" are still under the ban.

— As the employes of the STAR have not had a holiday this year, we have concluded to give them the full benefit of Christmas, and will therefore issue no paper next Sunday, the 26th. The STAR will appear as usual, however, on Christmas Day.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—639 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 24 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—889 bales cotton, 56 casks spirits turpentine, 218 bbls rosin, 183 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—110 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 83 bbls rosin, 63 bbls tar, 21 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—210 bales cotton, 45 casks spirits turpentine, 85 bbls rosin, 148 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—43 bales cotton, 51 casks spirits turpentine, 47 bbls rosin 147 bbls tar, 18 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Minnie Ward—1 bale cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 60 bbls rosin, 88 bbls tar.

Schooner Gold Leaf—12 bales cotton 25 casks spirits turpentine, 6 bbls rosin.

Schooner Argyle—24 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 61 bbls tar.

Schooner Ruth J.—15 casks spirits turpentine, 89 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,917 bales; spirits turpentine, 331 casks; rosin, 593 bbls; tar, 731 bbls; crude turpentine, 43 bbls.

Bound Over to the Criminal Court.

Early on the morning of the 9th of last month John Faircloth and Walter Banks got into an altercation at the corner of Front and Princess streets, which resulted in the former stabbing the latter several times with a knife, inflicting serious and painful wounds in the left side, left arm and over the left eye (as told at the time in the STAR). Faircloth made his escape and succeeded in eluding capture until yesterday morning, when he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff William Galon, colored. Later, the accused was tried by Justice Fowler and placed under a $50 bond, which he gave, for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

Banks testified that the assault was entirely provoked by Faircloth, but Faircloth testified that he was acting in self defence when he cut Banks, and introduced as a witness to corroborate his testimony: Chucky Sampson, the negro boy who some weeks ago indicted Policeman George for assaulting him with a deadly weapon.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

ALBRIGHT WILL BE POSTMASTER.

The Fight Is Ended, and John E. Albright Has Won the Day.

Victory perches on the banner of the young and robust Knight of Alamance. John E Albright will be the next Postmaster of Wilmington. There is no doubt about it, for the STAR'S information is absolutely trustworthy. The combination of the Hon. Demosthenes Lycurgus Russell and the Hon. Marion Rocky Mount Butler wouldn't work, and hence they couldn't open the safe that held the precious plum. It seemed all bright to our revered neighbor-in-law Gee Zee for a time; and, paradoxical as it may appear, it is Albright now.

The Hon. Jupiter Coriolanus Pritchard, the "man from the mountain," is responsible for the fall of Gee Zee. He controlled the appointment, and he paid no attention to the plaintive pleas of the Bassell Rutler combine. Alas, poor Yorick! Now our neighbor-in-law must exclaim, in the language of the poet:

"'Twas ever thus since childhood's hour,
I've seen my fondest hopes decay;
I never nursed a tree or flower,
But 'twas the first to fade away."

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Sorison.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lizzie Chadbourn Sorison, of Saginaw, Mich., took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal church. The remains arrived at 9 30 o'clock over the Atlantic Coast Line and were taken directly to the church, where they remained until the hour set for the funeral. There were many friends and acquaintances to join the bereaved family in their grief. Gov. Russell, who arrived in the city Friday, was among those present.

The solemn services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, Mr. C. H. Cooper, Miss Fair Payne, Mrs. Elizabeth Waddell and Mr. A. S Holden constituted a quartette which rendered the hymns, and Mr. E. H. Munson was the organist. The hymns were, "Lead Kindly Light" and "There is a Blessed Home." While the latter was being sung the casket was borne to the hearse and the funeral cortege proceeded to Oakdale cemetery, where the interment was made. The floral designs were noticeably numerous and beautiful. The pall bearers, who acted both at the train and at the church, were Messrs. J. D. Smith, A. M. Waddell, Jr., Don MacRae, E. P. Boatwright, Keith Calder and N. Nixon Davis.

Funeral of the Late Edward Daniel Canaux.

The remains of the late Edward Daniel Canaux, who died in Brunswick, Ga. on Friday last, arrived in the city yesterday at 1.35 p. m. via the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the funeral took place from St. James' Episcopal church, the rector, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, officiating. The hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Just as I Am" were rendered by a choir composed of Miss Ada Cooper, Miss Elizabeth Waddell, Miss Mattie Horne, Miss Cammie Lord, and Messrs. Eugene Beery and J. Vaughan Matts.

The interment was made at Oakdale cemetery and the grave was covered with a profusion of beautiful flowers.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Mr. W. C. Maads; active, Messrs N. N. Davis, James S. Worth, Frank L Higgins W. M. Atkinson, John M. Wright and D. T. Cronly.

Mr. George Ziegler Painfully Hurt.

Mr. Geo. Ziegler, foreman at the planing mill and sash and blind factory of Messrs. Fore & Foster, met with an exceedingly painful accident yesterday morning while at work.

About 9 30 o'clock Mr Ziegler was in the machinery hall of the mill, adjusting the tap plate which weighs about two hundred and fifty pounds, on the panel-raising machine, when the plate slipped and came down with its heavy weight upon his left hand, badly crushing the hand, severing several arteries and breaking a finger. The injured man, who was suffering excruciating pain, was carried to the office of Dr. F. H. Russell, on Princess street, between Third and Fourth, where his wounds were dressed. Mr. Zeigler was then sent to his residence, corner Sixth and Queen streets, where at last accounts last night he was resting easy, although his hand is badly crushed.

The Settlers' Convention.

The Settlers' Convention" to be held at Southern Pines Dec. 22d and 23d is an important event in the development of North Carolina, and should be largely attended. There are thousands of farmers in the North and Northwest, men of means and character, who are dissatisfied with their present surroundings, and many of these will come to our State if our advantages are explained to them. The Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets for the convention from Wilmington on the 21st and 22d, with final limit Dec. 25th, for $3 80.

Adjudged Not Guilty.

Philip McDonald, the colored youth accused by Willie Wilkinson, colored, of having given him (Wilkinson) a pair of shoes stolen from Mr. John Baker (for the larceny of which shoes Wilkinson is now in jail awaiting a trial at the next term of the Criminal Court), was arraigned before Justice Bunting yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, but was adjudged not guilty and discharged.

Mortuary Record.

The records in the office of Dr. W D McMillan, superintendent of health, show that during the past week there were seven deaths, five whites and two colored, and sixth births, three whites and three colored. During the week three transportation permits for receiving bodies were issued.

Silk Umbrellas 98c; $1.50 Columbia Bicycle Lamps 98c; Fancy House Slippers 98 65 98c. and $1.35 this week at Rehder's, Fourth street. †

SCHOONER SILVER HEELS

Suspected of Being Engaged in Filibustering Operations—U. S. District Attorney Aycock's Investigation—Vessel Detained Pending Action of the Government.

C. B. Aycock, Esq., U. S. district attorney, arrived in the city yesterday to hear the testimony of the crew of the *Silver Heels*, the schooner suspected of filibustering operations. He would not make public the affidavits, but it may well be supposed that they absolutely denied having in any way violated the neutrality laws. Major Lee, John Anderson, Robert Rass and Henry Lewis, colored stevedores, who assisted in loading the schooner with lumber at Kidder's mill, were examined also. The testimony was all sent to headquarters at Washington, and the schooner will remain in port pending the government's action.

Whatever action may be taken, it stands to reason that there is nothing contraband about the present cargo of the *Silver Heels*. She has been, as a matter of course, narrowly watched ever since she has been in port, and it would have required the greatest hardihood to take on arms and ammunition under such circumstances. She is loaded with lumber and nothing else.

What she did from October 17th to the date, about two weeks ago, when she put in at this port, is another question.

It is rumored that first mate Alfred Thompson told a representative of the Spanish government that the *Silver Heels* transferred a cargo of arms and ammunition to the *Dauntless* in the interval between her departure from New York and her arrival here. It is learned, however, that he has made other statements quite the reverse of this.

MRS. V. A. SANDERS.

A Great Grand Daughter of Nathaniel Macon—Died in This City Yesterday—Had Long Been an Invalid.

The STAR notes with sorrow the death of Mrs. V. A. Sanders, the mother of the well known citizen and business man, Mr. S. W. Sanders. She passed away at her son's residence, 411 North Third street, at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. The deceased had been an invalid for several years, and had been confined to her room for two or three weeks.

She was born in Franklin county 64 years ago, and was the great grand daughter of the distinguished statesman, Nathaniel Macon. Her father was W. K Martin, Esq. At the age of 17 she married Mr. S. W. Sanders, of this county, and went with him to live in Brunswick county. In a little over a year her husband died, whereupon she took up her residence with her father-in-law, Mr. Daniel S. Sanders in this county, afterwards going back to Franklin county, where she lived until 19 years ago, when she removed to Wilmington, where she has lived since.

Her only child is Mr. S W. Sanders, but of relatives somewhat more removed there are a good many, among them being Mr. J. C. Stevenson, her nephew She was related to Gov. Russell

Mrs. Sanders was a woman of very sweet and lovely character, and she will be sadly missed. One who knew her well has an article in the STAR this morning fitly eulogizing her.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 9 30 o'clock this morning. The pall-bearers will be: Honorary, Gov. D. L. Russell and Col. Jno. D. Taylor; active, M. J Heyer, Jno. D. Bellamy, E. K Bryan, Jas. H Taylor, W. N. Harriss and H. McL. Green.

TO-MORROW EVENING.

First Night of the Lees' Engagement at the Opera House.

Commencing to-morrow evening the Lees will open a week's engagement at the Opera House, presenting entertainments of high class hypnotism, and will to-morrow night on the stage hypnotise a man and place him in a window of a store down street, where he will remain in this state until Wednesday evening, at which time he will be transported back to the theatre and awakened on the stage in full view of the audience. The Richmond *Times* says:

"It is safe to say that there were few skeptics on the subject of hypnotism in the Opera House last night, or if they were skeptics when they went there they must have been convinced of the error of their convictions before the performance was over. A fine audience was present, and every one seemed to enjoy the evening hugely. The yacht race was one of the funniest things ever seen in the city, and the audience were fairly convulsed with laughter. The feature of the evening was the rock breaking. A veritable boulder, weighing 499 pounds, was placed on a man who had been hypnotised and stretched across two chairs, and a blacksmith with a twelve-pound sledge hammer struck the rock fifteen swinging blows."

Seats on sale at Gerken's.

Christmas Packages by Express.

The approach of Christmas means a rush of business for the Southern Express people. Christmas boxes and packages will be on the move this week and extra service will have to be put on. It will save time if all who are going to send packages by express will have them securely wrapped and tied before bringing them to the Express office. It will further expedite matters if they will have the receipts already made out, blank forms for which will be furnished gladly by Capt. Williams or any of his assistants.

To the Christmas Trade.

On and after Tuesday, December 21, a full line of the finest special holiday Men's and Boys' Clothing, Neckties, Scarfs, etc., all novel and in the latest styles, will be displayed for sale at my commodious establishment, corner of Front and Princess streets. This week my store will be open every evening, and many incandescent electric lights will brilliantly illuminate the establishment. Respectfully,

I. SHRIER.

J. H. Rehder & Co's. is the place to make your purchases for Xmas. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Dr. D. I. Watson, of Southport, was here yesterday.

— Mr. R. J. House, of House, N. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Col. R. R. Cotten, of Falkland, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Coe, of Southport, were registered here yesterday.

—Lieut. J. P. Oakes, of the United States army, came up to the city yesterday.

— Editor Richard Branch, of the Red Springs *Citizen*, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Arthur Bolden arrived last night from the University to spend the holidays.

— Messrs. J. A. and G P. McNeill, of Shallotte, were among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Mr. J. D. Batts, postmaster at Holly Ridge, paid the STAR office a pleasant call yesterday.

— Mrs. Daisy Dryer, of Chicago, Ill., is in the city on a visit to her brother, Rev. J. W. Kramer.

— Mrs. Mary Weatherford, of Florence, S. C., is in the city, visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Kramer.

— Mr. Samuel W. Westbrook, who has been spending some time in western North Carolina, is here for Christmas.

— Miss Fanny Murchison Williams and Miss Janie Williams, of Fayetteville, who have been visiting in the city, have returned home.

— *Robesonian*: "Rev. M. Bradshaw has been returned to the Maxton and Caledonia churches for another year, much to the delight of his many friends of all denominations. He is taking his annual vacation and will spend the holidays with relatives in Tarboro."

Prof. Louis C. Elson, of the New England Conservatory.

The Wilmington Lyceum is accomplishing a great deal when it brings before our people so able a lecturer and musical critic as Mr. Louis C. Elson, Professor of the Theory of Music in the New England Conservatory, who spoke last night at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Lyceum. He was introduced by Dr. P. H. Hoge, President of the Lyceum. He traced the history of folk song in England through seven centuries, beginning with the time when "London town" was considered the most musical city in the world and singing to his own accompaniment an exquisite love ballad of those old days. This was followed by another in which the theme was, instead of love, treachery, crime and wrong. And so every stage in the development of folk song was shown, up to the very last. The differences between melody and skillful music was clearly brought out, as was also the wonderful amount of history that is found in the old refrains.

A marvellously rich, full voice, a perfect mastery of his subject and a charming presence make Prof. Elson one of the most charming of lecturers.

THE FISHBLATE ASSIGNMENT.

Argument of Counsel on a Motion to Vacate the Attachment of Northern Creditors.

On the evening of the fifth of last month Messrs. Wallerstein & Klee, a clothing firm of New York city, through their counsel in this city, Jno. D. Bellamy and Frank McNeill, Esqs., sued out an attachment for $744 on the clothing establishment of Mr. S. H. Fishblate, and the next day Mr. Fishblate filed a deed of assignment.

Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, yesterday morning commenced to hear argument on a motion made by Mr. Fishblate's counsel to vacate the attachment sued out by Messrs. Wallerstein & Klee and duly executed. The entire day was consumed in hearing the argument of counsel representing both sides, and the case was left open until Tuesday morning.

During the day Geo. Rountree, Esq., and A. G. Ricaud, Esq., argued in behalf of the defendant, and John D. Bellamy, Esq., and Frank McNeill, Esq., argued in behalf of the plaintiffs. Col. Thomas W. Strange, one of the counsel for the defendant, will make the closing argument Tuesday morning.

The Smith's Island Suit.

Mr. W. H. Shaw, clerk of the United States District Court, Friday received the decree and opinion of Judge Thos R. Purnell in the suit brought by the United States against Thos. P. Devereaux, trustee, et al. (heirs of the late Maj John Walker), to gain possession and the ownership of Smith's Island. This suit was heard at the last term of the court, and Judge Purnell reserved his decision, but several days afterwards, in Raleigh, decided the case in favor of the defendants (as fully detailed in the STAR at the time).

E. K. Bryan, Esq., one of the counsel for the Government, and who argued when the case was heard, states that an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals will be taken, which, however, has not been done as yet, but the counsel are allowed six months in which to take an appeal.

Police Court.

In the Police Court yesterday at noon Becky Claridy, colored, arrested Friday night by policeman I. F. Huggins on the charge of stealing a pocket book, containing five dollars in money, from a negro man, was arraigned for trial, but the prosecutor and alleged victim, W. H. Brown, who hails from somewhere down the river, did not put in an appearance and the case was dismissed.

One dollar and twenty five cents Gloves (guaranteed) 98c; $1.00 Gloves 75c.; Handkerchiefs 5 to 98c., this week at Rehder's, Fourth street. †

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Foot Ball Saturday.

Among the attractions for Christmas day the foot ball game must be prominently mentioned. The game promises to be a good one and the players are very enthusiastic over their prospects. The practices have been fruitful of results and the teams are in fine trim. A grand stand at Hilton Park, with a seating capacity of about 500, will be completed the early part of this week and a high fence will enclose the grounds. The prices of admission will be the same as for the Thanksgiving day game, 25 cents for gentlemen and 15 cents for ladies and children. An additional charge of 15 cents will be made for one horse vehicles and 25 cents for two horse vehicles. The A. C. L. colors are orange and black, and the O. A. N. blue and red.

Important practices will be held by the teams to-morrow night.

DEATH OF MRS. V. A. SANDERS.

After weary months of sufferlog, in the early morning of December 18, 1897, there passed unto rest Mrs. V. A. Sanders, one of the loveliest of God's children.

Gentleness and kindness were the striking traits of her character. In all the relations of life she was true and steadfast, and very near to the love and heart of every one whose sweet privilege it was to call her friend. She possessed a broad mind enriched by reading and dispassionate reflection, and often rose to heights of sublime sentiment and caught the reflex influence which glorified the chastened spirit.

She possessed that calmness and dignity which could not be influenced by earth's discordant surroundings. Material and sordid things had not the power to disturb the perfect poise of her soul. "The whiteness of His innocence o'er all her garments flowing."

The closing days of her life were marked by that resignation and divine patience which distinguished her life.

With the same gentleness and calmness she passed beyond, "as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant slumber."

A FRIEND.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7 30 o'clock. Sunday school at 9 30 a. m. Seats all free and every person cordially invited.

St. Thomas' Catholic church—First Mass and Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Last Mass and Sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Vespers, sermon, Rom. X, 7.45 p. m.

St. James, fourth Sunday in Advent. 7.45 a. m., the Holy Communion; 11 a. m., morning prayer, Litany, sermon; 5 p. m., missionary sermon. Sunday school at 3.45 p. m. Public cordially invited.

Services in St. John's church to-day by the rector at 11 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 30 p. m.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Geo. M. Tolson, minister in charge.—11 a. m., Morning Prayer, Litany, Ante-Communion, Sermon; 7.30 p. m., Evening Prayer and service; 3 30 p. m., Sunday school; 8 p m, Monday, Brotherhood of St. Andrew; 7.30 p. m., Tuesday, Boys Brigade. Seats free and the public cordially invited to all the services Sunday

COLORED CHURCH.

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. Israel S. Lee pastor. Preaching to-day at 10 30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. At 3 p. m. Rev. Van Blunk and wife, of New Jersey, will conduct a missionary service. Strangers are welcome to all these services.

DIED.

SANDERS—Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, Miss. VERITAS ALSTON SANDERS, at the residence of her son, S. W. Sanders.

Funeral this morning from residence 411 North Third street, at 9.30 o'clock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Printer Wanted.

A young man who has had experience as compositor on daily papers, and who has good recommendations, may secure a situation as Two-Thirder by applying promptly at the STAR OFFICE. de 19 3t

Stonewall Lodge No. 1, K. of P.

ALL MEMBERS ARE SUMMONED TO the regular meeting, Monday night, December 20th, to consider for action the report of the Special Committee on Banners and Duds.

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UNTIL JANUARY 15TH, 1898, WILL SELL any Cook Stove in stock at Cost for cash. JUST RECEIVED a nice line of Christmas Tinware, consisting of Coke Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., etc. "15 cent Lamps to burn."

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NEW STOCK.

THE CITIZENS BUILDING AND LOAN Association will issue a New Series of Stock on Monday, January 3rd, 1898. This series is limited to 500 shares, a large number of which have already been taken. Parties desiring stock in this issue can have the same reserved for them by leaving their names with the Secretary. JNO. D. BELLAMY, Jr.,

de 17 3t Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Onward, March!

Is the command given to the manufacturers of Stoves, and right nobly they have obeyed it. There is scarcely a better Stove in the market than the

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Perhaps there is none better, and we won't take time to enlarge on their merit.

Our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE and NEW PROCESS OIL HEATER are still in the lead.

Holiday present seekers will find it to their interest to give us a call before making their purchases. A full line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Prune Knives, &c.

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Fire Cracker Ordinance SUSPENDED.

THE PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE prohibiting the firing of ordinary Fire Crackers will be suspended from noon December 24th until midnight December 26th. Provided, however, that none shall be fired west of Front street. The firing of what is known as

CANNON OR CANTON CRACKERS

over two inches in length, or those containing Dynamite, is

ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED

on any Street, Wharf or Alley, and the Police Force have positive instructions to

ARREST ANY OFFENDER.

Police have also been instructed to prevent the assembling of crowds upon the sidewalks or streets, or parading the same in BANDS WITH HORNS, and to disperse or arrest any persons so assembling or parading.

SILAS P. WRIGHT, Mayor.

December 18, 1897. de 19 tf

PROUD AS A PEACOCK,

and tender as a sucking dove, are the Christmas turkeys now being tenderly nurtured on corn and tid bits for the Yuletide feast. There will be no venerable patriarchs among the choice birds that will hang in this market, but only the *ne plus ultra* of the poultry raisers' pride, as we have spotted the choicest from every brood around Wilmington.

I. B. RHODES,

de 19 tf Front Street Market.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING will be held to-morrow (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock.

Election of officers. W. A. MARTIN,

de 19 1t Secretary.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 19, 1897

AGAINST BANKS.

A caucus of Populist members of the House of Representatives (not a very large caucus) was held in Washington Thursday night at which several resolutions were passed and among them the following:

"*Resolved*, That we are opposed to any scheme of enlarging the powers of national banks; that we oppose the conferring of the power to issue notes designed to have the same functions as money to any bank, corporation or individual."

This is in keeping with the Populist platform, which declares against all banks, and hence the Populist Congressmen who supported this resolution were consistent with their party declarations on the subject. The orthodox Populist, whether he belongs to the middle-of-the-road patriots, like little Tom Watson, or to the gentlemen who take to the pig paths, like Hon. Marion Butler, holds that the money of the country ought to be issued directly from the Treasury of the United States in coin and paper until the amount sizes up to $50 *per carpita*, and then the Government should take a rest until a hole had been made in the $50 *per cap.* by burying it in vaults, old stockings and sundry other ways of sequestrating, when the issuing process should be resumed until the $50 limit was again reached. At the same time they declare for the free and *unlimited* coinage of silver, but how with the free and unlimited coinage of silver they expect to gauge the *per capita* at $50 they do not undertake to explain.

The original plan to get the money issued by the Government distributed among the people, in the absence of the banks which they would wipe out, was through sub treasuries which would lend money to farmers and others at a nominal interest, on land and imperishable truck, but they soon lost interest in the sub-treasury, and consequently we hear very little about that now. But they don't want any banks. They are, of course, entitled to their opinions on that question, just as all other people are, and they are not alone in opposing a further extension of the power of the national banks, but they blunder egregiously when they declare their opposition to all banks, and the Populist who lives in the South, or in the thinly populated Western States, blunders still more egregiously in agreeing with them.

We have national banks which under their charters we will continue to have for some time to come. This resolution does not declare against these, but only against any scheme to extend their powers, so that in spite of the Populist opposition to banks in general we have one system of banks. Compared with the North and the more densely populated of the Western States, there are very few of these banks in the South and in the absence of sub-treasuries which the Populist financiers had theoretically invented to distribute the money among the people, but which they do not seem to be stuck on now, the people who need money must scratch around the best way they can to get it. Doesn't the sensible Populist and every one else who knows anything about the condition of the South know that the most serious impediment in the way of her development and progress is the scarcity of money and the difficulty of securing it in amounts sufficient for the enterprises that would be entered upon if it could be secured? Isn't the "want of capital" the stereotyped complaint in the South, a complaint that we have listened to for over a quarter of a century? Suppose the Populist idea prevailed and the printing presses and the mints of the Government were put into operation and money turned out until the $50 *per capita* was reached, with the present tariff and pensions, and internal revenue and other agencies for drawing money from the circumference, so to speak, to the money centers, how long would it be before the larger part of the South's $50 *per capita* had found its way to the coffers in these money centers? How would it be got back? Wait until another crop of cotton, tobacco, &c., was harvested, which would bring some of it back, to run out again in due course of time, in the usual way.

Is this the condition that the Southern Populist who desires his own prosperity and the prosperity of his section should wish to see perpetuated? With few national banks, and these of little benefit to the masses of the people, who have not access to them, and no other banks where is the circulating medium for the South to come from, and what is to keep it here when it does come? With banks of our own we would have a circulating medium, within the reach of the people, the volume of which could be adjusted in accordance with the demands of business. From these banks the farmer could borrow money on his real estate as security, on such a rate of interest as the States might prescribe, then instead of selling his cotton or other products at ruinous prices he could borrow money to meet his most urgent demands and hold his cotton, etc., and thus force the market up. If we had State banks and plenty of currency that would be the last of five-cent cotton, and there isn't a sensible Populist in the South who doesn't know it.

Banks are to day institutions of the civilized world, and when constructed on the right plan are mighty agencies in the progress and betterment of countries. The civilized nations of the earth approve of them, value them and utilize them, and the Populist party of this country is the only organized body of men in the world which opposes them on general principals. It is folly to make war upon them, and for a Southern man suicidal folly.

CLINCHING THE CHARGE.

In the Rocky Mount *Argonaut* of last Thursday, Editor Campbell drops the editorial "we" and over his signature devotes nearly three columns to clinching his charge as to the slanderous utterance of Senator Butler in his speech at Rocky Mount on the 15th of October. After beginning with the statement that he didn't enter this controversy as a matter of pleasure or because he took delight in it, but from a sense of duty, he reiterates the truth of the charge and supports it with affidavits from six of the best people in that section. One of them, Rev. B. S. McKenzie, writes:

"I would have challenged the slander at the time, but did not think it becoming to one of my calling to make the first move. The more I thought of it the more indignant I became. I swear to the truth of the charge because I think it right that a man holding Senator Butler's position who so vilely slanders the best people of the State should be exposed."

Another signer, a prominent merchant, said, as he grasped the pen to sign the affidavit: "Here go dollars out of my pocket, but it's true and I feel it my duty to sign."

He continues:

"But if the affidavits of these good men and true are not enough, we have plenty of others to back them up. Among many others, the following prominent citizens heard Senator Butler utter his slander against the best people of his native State and can so testify:

"Thos. H. Battle, President Bank of Rocky Mount.

"Hon. J. B. Phillips, Battleboro, farmer.

"Rev. A. D. Betts, Minister of the Gospel.

"Capt, Robert Whitaker, yard master A. C. L.

"Ed G. Muse, commercial traveller.

"M. Oppenheimer, of the firm of Oppenheimer and Smithson.

"In all thirteen, of among the very best citizens of this section. Thirteen! an unlucky number for —— —— Marion Butler.

"Mr J B Phillips says: Say for me that Marion Butler's claim that he used the words 'agents of shylock and the monopolites' instead of Democrats is false. His charge was made against *Democrats* and I am willing to swear to it' Those who know 'Joe' Phillips would be satisfied if there were no other evidence.

"Rev. A D. Betts say: 'I am sorry to say that the young man said it I remember it well, for it hurt me to think that a man in so high a position should so slander some of the best people in the State.'"

After exposing the evasive wording of the affidavits prepared for and signed by the defenders of Mr. Butler, in which the word "rape" or "nameless outrage" were substituted for the word "outrage" which Butler used and by which he meant rape, Mr. Campbell quotes from other speeches by Butler, and from a *Caucasian* editorial (an extract from which we published recently) to show that such an utterance was not at all beyond Mr. Butler, who had previously written and subsequently said substantially the same thing in somewhat different phraseology. Having clinched the charge, he closes as follows and thus throws down the gauntlet to Butler:

"I do not wish to wrong Senator Butler. I published what he said because I thought it right to do so and not as part of a plot, as Mr. Butler charges. I did not consult with any one before publishing it, nor have I done so since except as far as to get testimony to substantiate my statement.

"If I have maligned Mr. Butler there is a course open to him by which he can obtain vindication, and I receive the punishment the crime deserves. If I have libeled him, by all means let him file his complaint with the proper authorities and have me punished for the same.

"To be sure such a course on the part of the Senator might prove a boomerang and he might come out of it with the seal of slanderer and liar stamped upon his brow.

"I am willing to take the risk on my part—are you willing to take it on yours—Senator Marion Butler?"

Now if Marion has a grievance, and has been slandered as he says, here is a chance for him to have his wounds healed, and punish the slanderer.

MINOR MENTION.

Senator Hoar is in favor of increasing the tax on beer, and struck the rock bottomed truth when he said in the Senate Friday that if Congress ignored political considerations and dealt with the liquor question courageously by the imposition of an additional tax of a dollar a barrel on beer the question of the Government's revenues would take care of itself. We do not know whether this additional tax would supply the Government with the necessary revenue or not, but Senator Hoar was right when he charged Congress with being swayed by political considerations and with a lack of courage to tackle beer. There are few if any breweries in Senator Hoar's domain, and therefore he runs no risk of antagonizing his constituency by bucking up against beer, and can afford to be "courageous;" but the statesmen who represent States and districts where beer is largely brewed, take a different view of it and are entirely too fond of the seats they hold to mess any more than they can possibly help in that business. The success of the party and holding their own grip are matters of much more concern to them than providing against deficits, and as between taxing beer and taxing the shoes and shirts the people wear they will tax the shoes and shirts every time. But the shoes and shirts have no organizations to raise money to influence conventions to nominate men or use in campaigns to defeat men they don't want and elect the men they do want. The brewers represent millions of dollars and millions talk with an irresistible eloquence in the politics of these United States.

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Our Raleigh correspondent says there is a report that the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, which meets in January, will not confirm the appointment of Mr. Mewborne as superintendent, vice Smith "resigned." We do know enough about the constituent elements of the Board to form an opinion as to whether they have the nerve to turn down an appointee of the Governor or not, but if they have a due sense of the proprieties and as much respect for the farmers as the State as they should have, they would refuse to endorse the dicker between the Governor and Mewborne. And the Board of Agriculture should, as soon as possible, get rid of Smith as Commissioner and thus rebuke that trade in the corner and make, as far as they can, due amends for it. Gov. Russell is quoted as saying that Smith was incapacitated from lack of brains from filling the position of Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and therefore he appointed him Commissioner of Agriculture, where no brains were needed. But he took a man out of a position where, according to his view, no brains are needed, and put him in a position where he seems to think brains are necessary. Mr. Mewborne may have more brains than there was any use for in the Department of Agriculture, but he has not yet had an opportunity to demonstrate whether he has the requisite quantity and quality of Penitentiary brains, but he has shown that he has brains enough to make a dicker with the Governor by which he got a job that will pay him $500 a year more than the job he resigned—provided the Board of Directors confirm the dicker.

Mr. Willet, the absconded cashier of an Indiana bank, who has been rusticating in Augusta, Ga., on the sly, writes some friends that he didn't leave because he was a defaulter, but because he saw the smash coming and was apprehensive that the idea might occur to some of the hot tempered, misguided depositors to snatch him up and make it hot for him without going through the formalities of the law. When they have had time to cool down he says he will return and help the assignee to straighten things up and see what's left.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— The Middle of-the Road Populists want to nominate a national ticket for 1900 next year. They may be expected to repeat the experience of the man who took so long to run that he was out of breath when he reached the fence over which he was going to jump.—*Baltimore Herald, Dem.*

—— The amnesty extended by General Blanco to all Cubans who are not common criminals, with permission to return unquestioned and undisturbed to the island, should it be accepted by the expatriated sympathizers with the insurgents in the United States, would heavily reenforce the ranks of the rebels. Probably General Blanco does not expect to have his clemency put to test. He is a far more dangerous antagonist than was Weyler.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— When a prominent free silver man like J. S. Carr, of North Carolina, can give his approval to the plan presented by the Atlanta bankers for a more elastic and satisfying currency, proof of its liberality is given. Southern Senators and representatives, regardless of their views on the question of standards or coinage, have a splendid opportunity of being of real service to their constituents by helping to provide them with a currency which will be of real and lasting benefit to them.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— The report that the President will adopt the policy by which Mr. Cleveland forced the Senate to consent to the repeal of the silver purchase law, and refuse to consider appointments to office till after currency reform legislation, comes on doubtful authority, and probably is only a guess. Were McKinley to adopt this method, he would use it with more tact and success than Cleveland, who wrecked his party to save the country. This isn't needful now.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, Rep.*

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The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband feeds the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Murfreesboro *Index*: Mr. Alfred M. Darden died Saturday night at his residence in Mapleton, of paralysis, aged 57 years.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: On Wednesday evening last, Mrs. Jno. D. Simpson paid the debt of life. She was in her fifty-fourth year. ——Mr. J. L. Jenkins was killed by a falling tree near Parmele last week. He was whetting saws for the timber cutters.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Inquiries have been made as to whether the tax on inheritances, imposed by section 4 of the Revenue Act, is on the gross amount of the legacy or on the net amount after the debts are paid. Auditor Ayer decides that it applies only to the amount left after all debts are paid.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Sunday afternoon Henry Hamilton, a ginger-colored negro in the employ of Mr. H. Cohen, looted the house of all jewelry and Mr. Cohen's overcoat. His absence was not noticed until Monday morning when the loss was discovered. The stolen property was valued at $100. The police of all the neighboring towns were notified, but nothing has been learned of the scoundrel. A party held under suspicion at Wilson proved to be the wrong man.

— Elizabeth City *Economist*: The work on the Dismal Swamp canal goes bravely on. The South lock at South Mills is nearing completion, the dredges are excavating on the north side of Culpepper lock. Wages are good, work plentiful and money more abundant. After South lock is finished, then the lock at the north end near Deep Creek, Va., will be taken in hand. The work is going on with energy, earnestness and diligence, and all are looking to the completion of the great work as the coming of greater prosperity of all this eastern section of North Carolina.

— Wilson *Times*: Four negro boys, their ages ranging from 11 to 15 years, arrived in the city Monday. They hailed from Wilmington and thought to celebrate the long fast which they had experienced, having eaten nothing since leaving Goldsboro. As a first preparation for this feast, they bgan begging for food at various houses. While the kind-hearted lady of the house would be gone for something for them, they would steal anything they could find. This cause soon led to their arrest, and on their persons were found various articles which they said had been "found" in Goldsboro and in Rocky Mount. They were put in jail to await court, they being unable to give bond.

— Raleigh *Post*: Deputy Collector J. H. Shelburn arrived in the city yesterday from a successful raid on moonshiners in the southern part of the State. Four stills were destroyed, one in Montgomery county, two in Moore and one in Randolph county. Deputies Perry and Bray assisted in the seizures. —— Since the discovery of tuberculosis in the herd of cattle at the A. and M. College, an examination has been made of the herd at the Experiment Station. The test was completed yesterday, and it revealed the fact that three cows were affected. The examination was made by Prof. Emery and Mr. McMackin. One of the animals was killed yesterday and buried at once. The other two will not be killed just now. Tuberculosis was found to exist at the Experiment Station last Spring, but all the infected cattle were killed out. It is said that tuberculosis, popularly known as consumption, exists among the cattle at the Insane Asylum. It is developed by a test that the fine bull at the institution is affected. Several dairymen in the city will have examinations made of their cattle.

TWINKLINGS.

— Rev. Dr. Primrose—"Who charged you $10 for your turkey?"

Uncle Rastus—"De court."—*Judge.*

— Shifting Responsibility: Friend—How do you get along with the cooking?

The Bride—Admirably; I blame it on the range.—*Puck.*

— "How did Harley come to quarrel with that St. Louis girl he was so smitten with?"

"He foolishly declared that if all the world were his he'd lay it at her feet."

— A Tramp's Excuse—"Would you work if you had a chance?"

"Madam, it is against my principles to have anything to do with games of chance."—*Truth.*

— A Dilemma: "Well, George, dear, what do you think of my new hat?"

"I—I wish I knew."

"Knew what?"

"What I am expected to think."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Willis—"Parker's salary was doubled a short time ago, so I hear."

Wallace—"Yes, it was; but it got him in lots of trouble."

Willis—"How's that?"

Wallace—"His wife found it out."—*Town Topics.*

— "Did you eat that missionary you found yesterday?" asked one cannibal of another.

"No," was the reply, "we drank him. He was so thin we had to make soup of him."—*Yonkers Statesman*

— Bob—"Have a lively time at the Hamlins' last night?"

Fred—"Yes very. The old gentleman and I got to arguing about religion, and I guess my dress suit is ruined."—*Chicago News*

Gay Gaggs—"Wot's de trouble, pard?"

Empty Edwards—"I got sich a pain in me stummick!"

Gay Gaggs—"Say, wot are ye growlin' about? Yer dead in luck ter hev anyt'ing at all in it!"—*Evening World*

— Love those who humble and contradict you, for they are more useful to your perfection than those who flatter you.—*Margaret May*

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Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results, and are relying on it in most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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WHEN PAPA WAS A LITTLE BOY.

"When papa was a little boy
You really couldn't find
In all the State of Washington
A child so quick to mind
His mother never called but once,
And pa was always there;
He never made the baby cry,
Or pull his sister's hair

"He never slid down banisters,
Or made the slightest noise;
And never in his life was known
To fight with other boys.
He always studied hard at school,
And got his lessons right;
And chopping wood and milking cows
Were papa's chief delight.

"He always rose at six o'clock
And went to bed at eight,
And never lay abed till noon
And never sat up late.
He finished Latin, French and Greek
When he was ten years old,
And knew the Spanish alphabet
As soon as he was told.

"He never grumbled when he had
To do the evening chores,
And ne'er in all his life forgot
To shut the stable doors.
He never, never thought of play
Until his work was done,
He labored hard from break of day
Until the set of sun.

"He never scraped his muddy shoes
Upon the parlor floor,
And never answered back his ma,
And never banged the door.
But, truly, I could never see,"
Said little Dick Malloy,
"How he could never do these things,
And really be a boy."

—*Youth's Companion*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— The seeds of virtue grow best when planted early.

— Your acts will not go right while your thoughts go wrong.

— Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.—*Emerson.*

— Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—*Franklin*

— The nobleness of life depends on its consistency, clearness of purpose, quiet and ceaseless energy.—*Ruskin*

— The Bible is the book of the law. That is why it is so dull to the man who is determined to have his own way.

— The ignorance of missionary work on the part of the average Christian is appalling, and a sin against Him who gave Himself for us.

— Pleasant retrospections, easy thoughts and comfortable pressages are admirable opiates. They help to assuage the anguish and disarm the distemper and almost make a man despise his misery.

— When a healthy body helps to make a healthy soul the reverse is yet more true. Mind lifts up, purifies, sustains the body. Mental and moral activity keeps the body healthy, strong and young, preserves from decay and renews life.

— The moment a man says that his Christianity does not require him to give the gospel to the world, then he hasn't a Christianity at all. The work of evangelizing this world, for every man, is a matter of personable, inalienable obligation.—*Robert E Speer.*

— Let us remember that the blood of over fifty thousand heathen, dying daily without the knowledge of God, will rest upon this generation if we neglect to rise with a mighty purpose to the work he has given us the privilege and responsibility of doing.—*Joseph Booth*

WATER BENEATH CORAL ROCK.

Yucatan's Only Streams Flow Through Subterranean Tunnels.

There are no streams in Yucatan which flow above the ground, but the whole peninsula is one vast table of coral rock, and beneath it are immense sheets of fresh water, with regular though ill defined tides and currents. Along the coasts these subterranean waters are quite near the surface, but in the interior, where the calcareous layer is of great thickness, the waters are low down. At intervals they break into caverns formed by earthquakes by pressure of their own force or by the infiltration of surface water into the natural grottoes of the coral rock, and wherever the water can be reached, whether through artificial pits or by the operations of nature, the place is called a cenote. There are a great many of them scattered all over Yucatan, and those near Merida are utilized as public bathhouses, affording most refreshing resorts.

Centuries ago the Indians marked the courses of the subterranean rivers by heaps of stones and always built their cities close by the water caves, as their ruins show, and it is interesting to note to this day all the civilized centers of Yucatan have arisen around these natural reservoirs. There are many forms of cenotes. When the water flows at a slight depth and the calcareous layer has been only partially eaten away, there follows an irregular sinking, which forms a cave, opening from side to side, but when the crust is thicker and the underground stream has a regular course the soil is generally corroded in a circular space and the vault thus formed, lacking support, falls in, making an immense open wall. Often the crust is so deep that the soft parts only crumble down, leaving a small aperture toward the top, fashioning a real grotto, with stalactites and stalagmites galore. Again, it happens that the crust is exceedingly thick, when a colossal subterranean passage, like a tunnel, is formed. In short, all the variations which an undisturbed stream may produce in a friable soil by the silent work of ages may be here witnessed. The cenote of which I write is a natural cavern, nearly 50 feet deep, broken down at one side, thus forming a gigantic arch. Within it appears every form of stalagmite and stalactite, and its roof is perforated with holes, in which are thousands of birds' and hornets' nests. At the bottom of it, reached by a flight of stone steps from the charming garden above, is an extensive sheet of clear, fresh water, containing a multitude of tiny fish (Pescado cenote) similar to those found in the Mammoth cave of Kentucky—only these are not eyeless. The overhanging roots of trees fringe its broken arch, affording shelter to innumerable lizards and iguanas, which dart along the ledges like embodied sunbeams, while above them countless swallows circle in masses so dense that the whirring of their wings produces a deafening noise, echoed from below in hollow reverberations.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Father Mathew's Mission.

The accounts of Father Mathew's mission from 1838 to 1842 read like a fable. He made teetotalers as the great powers make soldiers—by the million—only much faster, and if there had been any staying power in the business the liquor question would have been settled out of hand. Wherever he went a veritable fury of sacrifice appears to have seized the people of Ireland, though the estimated number of converts must be discounted by the equal fury of exaggeration which seized the chroniclers of his progress. Thus in 1839 he is said to have administered 30,000 pledges in one day at Clonmel and from 100,000 to 150,000 in two days at Limerick. Unless pledges were taken by acclamation it would be physically impossible to administer one-quarter the number stated.

In 1840 he is said to have added 748,000 to the ranks, or an average of over 2,000 per diem for every day in the year, and by 1841 the number of total abstainers in Ireland was reckoned at 4,647,000, or considerably more than the entire adult population. Any one may believe it who likes, but whatever the exact truth may be it is certain that this homely village priest did for a time meet with a success beside which the united efforts of all the other advocates of temperance before and after him fade into insignificance. In three years he actually reduced the consumption of spirits in Ireland from 10,815,000 gallons to 5,290,000 gallons and practically abolished drunkenness.—National Review.

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Made Him Tired.

Mrs. Wickwire—Mrs. Watts and I were discussing the question as to what age a woman must reach to become an old maid.

Mr. Wickwire—A woman is an old maid at 35.

Mrs. Wickwire—Always?

"Yes, always."

"But suppose she should have happened to get married at the age of 20. What then?"

"You—if there is anything on earth that makes me tired, it is a woman who thinks she is funny."—Indianapolis Journal.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7⅝
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store	32½	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	26
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	26
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg. Cut. 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5⅜
Standard A		@	5¼
White Ex. C		@	4⅞
Extra C, Golden		@	4⅝
C, Yellow		@	3⅞
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market quiet at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1 05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1 40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin steady, $1 45, 1 50; tar firm, $1 10, crude turpentine quiet and steady, $1 40, 1 90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	231
Rosin	598
Tar	731
Crude Turpentine	43

Receipts same day last year—132 casks spirits turpentine, 531 bbls rosin, 269 bbls tar, 118 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	2 15-16 cts ℔ ℔	
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅞	" "

Same day last year, middling 7 9-16c.

Receipts—1,917 bales; same day last year, 1,645.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1 05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch; $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Evening.—Money on call was nominal at 2@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was steadier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485 for demand and 482@482½ for sixty days. Posted rates 483@483½ and 486@486½. Commercial bills 481½. Silver certificates—not quoted. Bar silver 56. Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds were firm; new fours, registered, 129¼; new fours, coupon, 129⅝; fours, registered, 113; fours, coupon, 114⅜; twos, registered, 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½ State bonds quiet; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine firm at 33@33½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine dull; nothing doing; quotations omitted. Rosin firm; sales 600 barrels: A, B, C, D. $1 10, E $1 15, F $1 15, G $1 20 H $1 30, I $1 40 K $1 60, M $1 80 N $2 20, W G $2 40, W $2 90.

SAVANNAH, Dec 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30⅝c bid; no sales; receipts 924 casks. Rosin firm; sales 914 barrels; receipts 3,193 barrels; A, B, C, D. $1 20, E, F $1 25 G $1 35 H $1 45 I $1 60, K $1 75, M $1 95, N $2 30, W G $2 65, W W $3 15.

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The cotton market opened steady with prices unchanged to one point higher, ruled dull and featureless, in the absence of important news, with business restricted to the local professional contingent. Cables reported a most indifferent market for futures in Liverpool and a slightly easier spot department. At 11 o'clock the local market was inactive, with no further change in prices. Sales to that time were but 16,500 bales, representing an exceedingly small market. Trading failed to improve later during the session and the market closed dull at net unchanged prices to one point advance. Total sales of futures were only 27,810 bales, one of the smallest day's local transactions in many weeks. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 5⅝c; middling gulf, 6⅛c; sales done.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 5⅝c.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed dull but steady; sales for the day 27 800 bales; January 5 68, February 5 71, March 5 75, April 5 80, May 5 85, June 5 89, July 5 93, August 5 98, September 5 97, October 6 00 December 5 66

Cotton—net receipts 900 bales; gross 5,050 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 1,900 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 102 019 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 57 688 bales; exports to Great Britain 12 710 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 18 504 bales; stock 1,128,141 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,898 975 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 568 493 bales; exports to France 442 448 bales; exports to the Continent 1,268-540 bales.

Dec. 18.—Galveston, steady at 5 7-16c, net receipts 11,728 bales; Norfolk, dull at 5½, net receipts 5,279 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5⅞, net receipts 2,168 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝, net receipts 1,917 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6⅛, net receipts 784 bales; Savannah, steady at 5½, net receipts 7 730 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 5¼, net receipts 20,141 bales; Mobile, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 2,377 bales, Memphis, steady at 5¼, net receipts 6,076 bales; Augusta, steady at 5½, net receipts 2,870 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 4,269 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Evening.—Flour inactive but nominally steady; city mill patents $5 65@5 85; winter patents $4 80@5 10, city mill clears $5 40@5 50; winter straights $4 50@4 60; Minnesota patents $4 10@4 35; winter extras $3 40@4 00; Minnesota bakers' $4 20@4 40; winter low grades $2 90@3 00. Wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red 98⅝c f. o. b. afloat; options opened steady and ruled generally firm all the morning on better cables than expected, cold weather West and large seaboard clearances for the day, closing ⅛@⅜c net higher, latter December; No. 2 red January closed 97⅜c; May closed 93⅜c; December closed 99c. Corn—spot steady; No. 2 34⅛c f. o. b. afloat; options opened steady on large weekly clearances, but turned a shade easier under realizing and closed unchanged to ⅛c net lower; May closed 34⅛c: December closed 33c. Oats—spot dull; No. 2 27½c; options were dull; February closed 27⅝c: December closed 27¼c; May closed 27¼@27⅜c. Lard steady; Western steam $4 75; December $4 75, nominal; refined lard was dull; Continent $4 95 South American $5 35; compound 4@4¼c. Pork dull; mess $8 25@9 00; short clear $10 00@12 00; family $10 60@11 00. Butter—market quoted steady; Western creamery 15@23c; do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 23c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@21c; do. creamery 15@21c; Cheese quiet; large white September 8½@8⅝c; State, small white September 9@9½c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum quiet; United closed 66c bid; refined New York $5 40; Philadelphia and Baltimore $5 35, do. in bulk $2 85 Rice steady; domestic fair to extra 4½@6¼c Japan 5@5½c. Molasses quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice 26@31c. Cotton seed oil dull but steadily held at unchanged prices; prime crude 18@18½c; prime crude f.o b. mills 18½@15c; prime summer yellow 21½@22c, off summer yellow 21½c; butter oil 24½@26½c; prime winter yellow 26½@27c. Coffee—spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; No 7 jobbing 7½c; mild quiet; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3⅛c; centrifugal 96 test 4c; refined strong.

CHICAGO, December 18—Wheat was very dull but firm to-day. Strong outside and foreign markets and anticipations of less bearish statistics Monday caused some covering by shorts, resulting in ⅜@⅝c advance in May. Other markets also leaned decidedly towards the bull side, corn and oats advancing about ¼c each and provisions closed 2½@7½c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cash quotations: Flour dull; winter patents $4 70@4 80; winter straights $4 20@4 40; spring specials $5 35; spring patents $4 40@4 80; do. straights $4 10@4 40; bakers $3 50@3 80. Wheat—No. 2 spring 87½@88c; No 3 spring 82@94c; No. 2 red 99c. Corn—No. 2, 26½c. Oats—No. 2, 23¼; No. 2 white f. o. b 24@24¾c; No. 3 white f. o. b 23@24¼c. Rye—No. 2, 46c. Mess pork, per barrel $7 65@7 70. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 50@4 57½ Short rib sides, loose, $4 52½@4 70. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 62½@4 75 Short clear sides, boxed, $4 57½@4 77½. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 98¼, 99¼, 98¼, 99c; January 94 94½, 93¾ 94½c; May 91⅝, 92¼@92⅝ 91½@91⅞ 92½c. Corn—December 25½, 26½ 25¼, 26½; January 26¼, 26½ 26¼, 26⅜c; May 29, 29¼@29¼, 28⅞ 29¼@29⅛c Oats—December 21½, 21⅝@21¾, 21½, 21⅝@21¾c. May 22⅞ 22¼@22⅜, 22⅞ 22½@22⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 65; January $8 55, 8 60 8 55 8 60, May $8 85, 8 85 8 82½ 8 85. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 42½; January $4 50, 4 55 4 50, 4 55. May $4 67½, 4 72½, 4 67½, 4 72½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 37½, January $4 37½, —, —, 4 37½; May $4 52½, 4 52½, 4 50, 4 52½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady; spot and month 97½@97½c; January 97⅝@98c; steamer No. 2 red 91⅜@92c; Southern wheat by sample 94@98c; do on grade 92½@97½c Corn easy; spot 33½@33c; month 32⅞@32⅞c; December, new or old, 32⅞@32⅞c; January 32½@32⅝c; February 32½@32½c; steamer mixed 31@31½c. Southern white and yellow corn 28½@33½c. Oats easier; No. 2 white 29½c; No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—1 P. M.—Closing, cotton—Spot quiet and prices in favor of buyers American middling fair 3 9-16d; good middling 3 5-16d; middling 3 3-16d, low middling 3d; good ordinary 3⅜d; ordinary 2 23 32d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 6 400 American. Receipts 22,000 bales, of which 14,200 were American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed quiet American middling (l m c): December 3 7 64@3 8 64d seller; December and January 3 7 64@3 8 64d seller; January and February 3 7 64@3 8 64d seller; February and March 3 8 64d seller; March and April 3 8 64@3 9 64d seller; April and May 3 9 64@3 10-64d buyer; May and June 3 11-64d seller; June and July 3 12 64d seller; July and August 3 13 64d buyer; August and September 3 14 64d buyer; September and October 3 15 64d value; October and November 3 16 64d value.

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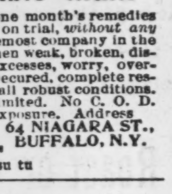

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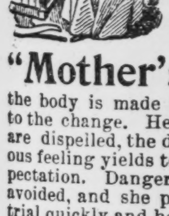

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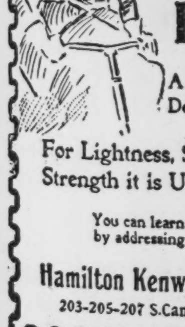

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It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee.
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me.

I was a child, and she was a child,
In this kingdom by the sea,
But we loved with a love that was more than love,
I and my Annabel Lee—
With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that long ago,
In this kingdom by the sea,
A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling
My beautiful Annabel Lee,
So that her high born kinsmen came
And bore her away from me,
To shut her up in a sepulcher,
In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not so happy in heaven,
Went envying her and me.
Yes, that was the reason, as all men know,
In this kingdom by the sea,
That the wind came out of the cloud by night,
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far than the love
Of those who were older than we,
Of many far wiser than we,
And neither the angels in heaven above
Nor the demons down under the sea
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee.

For the moon never beams without ringing me dreams
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee,
And the stars never rise but I feel the bright eyes
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee.
And so all the nighttide I lie down by the side
Of my darling, my darling, my life and my bride,
In her sepulcher there by the sea,
In her tomb by the sounding sea.

—Edgar Allan Poe.

THE STOLEN KISS.

Until quite recently the expense of traveling by railroad in Russia seemed enormous, especially to those who are familiar with the relative cheapness and superior equipment of trains in the United States, say, by way of illustration, the Pennsylvania system to Chicago, or the New York Central to Buffalo and other points out west. Even third class tickets cost considerably more than in any other country in Europe and offered the tourist little else than the meanest discomfort for the outlay. Hence the people who can pay for the difference go second class, while those who are unable to scrape together the third class fare, make a secret and illegal arrangement with the conductor, or else artfully conceal themselves beneath a seat till they reach the end of their journey. Where there is a will there is always a way—in Russia.

The interior of a Russia third class railway carriage is depressing. Sometimes a gang of wild, unkempt harvestmen, armed with scythes, sickles and formidable sticks with wonderful knobs the size of oranges, invade the carriages, endangering the features of the other occupants, offending their eyes and ears and polluting the atmosphere with heavy odors by no means suggestive of the fragrant composition of M. Pinard of Paris. Bags, milk pails, soiled pillows, muddy boots, vodka bottles, slabs of coarse black bread and odoriferous cheese of mighty strength, rolled up in yellow handkerchiefs, lie about loose in all directions. The floor is moist or wet, bestrewn with sunflower seeds, orange, apple or cucumber peels and every imaginable kind of garbage and refuse. The windows are hermetically closed, and the pungent smoke of bad tobacco stings the eyes and impregnates the clothing for days. In a word, the interior of such a compartment differs in a few essentials from that of a Turkish jail.

All this was in the old days of expensive railway traveling, which have only just come to a close. Things are, if possible, a trifle worse at present, seeing that tickets are, so to say, to be had for the asking. For 50 who patronized transit by rail a year ago quite a hundred or more make use of it today. The results are obvious. But nobody who possesses delicate nerves or a sense of cleanliness would dream, under the new conditions, of traveling "on the cheap." Second class fare is now lower and well worth the difference.

But Olga Mikhailovria Skraghina did not think so. This young damsel was economical in all matters not connected with dress, and she deemed it an astute stroke of economy to travel third class instead of second in order, of course, to save the difference. She relied upon her sex, and more particularly upon her personal charms, to secure her such extra attentions from her male fellow passengers as would surround her with all needful comfort. And she was not a long way out in her calculations. She had wonderfully bright eyes and her cheek was of the rose's hue. This is always an advantage. It could be said with truth that she was an exceedingly attractive girl. Mme. Skraghina was a gay young widow on her way from Petersburg to Rostoff to visit the family of her intended second husband and to be led by him to the altar. She had no need whatever to travel third class, and, as the sequel proved, it was a penny wise, pound foolish thing for a respectable tshinovnik's widow to do.

Between Voronesh and Rostoff the third class coaches were taken by storm and the passengers packed like sardines in a box or figs in a drum. One of them indeed had to stand up near the stove, which of course was not heated. You could hang a hat on the atmosphere of the compartment, so thick and tangible had it become from the smoke of makhorka and the combined respiration of human beings. When the shades of night had fallen and the two dismal candles were lighted, all of the passengers were silent, sad and suffering and nearly all endeavoring to drop off to sleep. But one man slept wide awake and observant—the man behind the stove.

On the hard wooden seat opposite but uncomfortably near to Mme. Skraghina, sat a well favored young man, who now and again cast stolen glances at his fair vis-a-vis in the gloaming. But he, too, was dull and drowsy now, as he sat between two brawny snoring mooshiks. Once he lost his balance and sprawled on the floor. Then he and the lady opposite went on "nid-nid-nodding" in unison. Their simultaneous nods at last brought their youthful faces together with less gentleness than seemed desirable, for the youth's fair forehead came in violent contact with the lady's dimpled chin, whereupon they both opened their eyes and exchanged ideas. The exchange was sudden and unsatisfactory, he stammering out disjointed excuses and she expatiating on the need of his conducting himself respectfully. Then they settled down to 40 winks again and the nodding began as before. Shortly afterward they put their heads together once more, his face resting on the "tip-top" of her bonny brown hair and his weight almost imperiling her equilibrium. But a few drowsy remonstrances and sheepish apologies closed this contretemps, which was soon followed by a third. This time the lady was wide awake and protested that she would stand it no longer. And no wonder. She had received such a formidable blow from the young man's "brazen" forehead, as she called it, that her exquisitely chiseled little nose was momentarily wounded, while a flood of tears rolled down her rosy cheeks. Then there was a scene. The young man was abject in his apologies, the lady scathing in her reproof. The other passengers snored on in blissful ignorance of the altercation going on in their midst. Only the traveler who was standing by the stove observed everything carefully and seemed to regard the affair as a pleasing entertainment.

After this mishap the hero and the heroine suffered from a fit of insomnia. But nature at last asserted her supremacy and their eyes began to close as before. Mme. Skraghina took extra pains to keep her shapely head well up on the wooden back of the seat, so that however low the drowsy youth opposite might bob and nod she would escape untouched. With this exception things assumed their former aspect, and nothing was heard save the rumbling of the train and the strident snoring of the passengers. But this was merely a truce, not a definite peace. Fate seemed to be pursuing the lady relentlessly for her unwise economy.

The Persian poet Saadi somewhere says that sleep is given to the bad in order that the good may be undisturbed. But it was not vouchsafed to all the bad in that railway car, for suddenly, just before the train entered a small station, a masculine head bent down and drew suspiciously near to Mme. Skraghina's face; then two determined lips pressed violently upon hers, as if plucking up kisses by the roots that grew there. Then the head was withdrawn. The action was the work of an instant. The rapid kiss went tingling to the lady's panting heart, and when it was gone "the sense of it did not stay." The lady awoke in a volcanic rage, her cheeks flushed with the crimson of modesty and anger combined, and her face rather black, perhaps from smoke and soot, but she was resolved to make her cowardly aggressor both black and blue by way of giving color to her estimate of the enormity of his conduct. So without hesitation, discussion or warning she delivered a vigorous slap in the face of the dozing youth opposite, which brought him back from the Land of Nod in double quick time. That was her version of the lyric, "Take, oh, take those lips away!" The young man rubbed his eyes; then, feeling the tingling touch of a vanished hand, held one of his to his smarting cheek, and at last exclaimed:

"Great heavens, whatever has happened?"

"I'll let you know, you ruffian, what has happened. I'll teach you to assault a lone, unprotected lady who happens to fall asleep." And by way of imparting the promised information she caught him by the hair of his head after the manner of the angels who used to seize the Hebrew prophets when sent to transport them from place to place. She then caught him by the collar, shook him against the seat and thumped him vigorously till he must have felt thoroughly convinced of the truth of the saying that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." His senses were bewildered, his hair flew about in bunches, his beautiful crimson necktie was torn, and even his breastpin was dislodged. No wonder his choler also rose. Most of the starch, however, was taken out of the unhappy man, who began to shout wildly; thereupon the lady screamed. An old woman in the next row of seats, waking up and hearing the row, devoutly but hurriedly made the sign of the cross and shouted "Murder, fire!" The other passengers, starting from their sleep, cried out, "Collision, accident!" Some snatched their grips and made for the door, others tried to escape without taking any of their portable property; one man asked whether it was a collision or a slip off the rails; two others gathered about the young woman, who was by this time convulsed in a state of howling hysteria, inquiring where she was wounded. The confusion was immediate and indescribable.

But that was only in the beginning, before the inmates of the compartment had shaken off their drowsiness and thoroughly rubbed their eyes. Little by little matters were cleared up, and Mme. Skraghina appealed to the passengers for protection.

The young man protested that he was innocent as a babe unborn and much more in need of protection than she. But they all sat upon the youth, and, of course, took the lady's part, as is usual where a woman plays a part in a scene not clearly understood. They sent for the conductor of the train, who came, accompanied by his assistant, who, having heard the story, drew up a "protocol" and ordered the young man to prepare to leave the train at the next station. He implored them to allow him to continue his journey at least, saying that they might do what they liked at the end of it; otherwise he would lose an important situation and probably also a beloved bride.

"Besides, I never touched the lady. I take my solemn oath I didn't."

"Oh, indeed!" replied Mme. Skraghina. "Then you think no more of perjury than of assaulting unprotected ladies? Didn't you bring your head three times up to mine and touch my face with yours in spite of my expostulations? Come, now, answer me that, sir. Yes or no?"

"I—I did, I suppose—in fact, I know I did, but that was when I was half asleep."

"Oh, was it? You hear that?" she asked, addressing herself to the officials. "Then perhaps you kissed me when you were half asleep, too, eh?"

"I did not kiss you at all. I have no recollection of it, and I certainly had no wish to do it. I would no more kiss you than"—

This was a feeble, ineffective defense to make, for the lady, as I have stated,

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

An Impostor.

The train was about to leave the station, and a young man leaned over the seat, shook hands with the middle aged gentleman and said:

"Goodby, professor."

A man with wide stripes in his shirt bosom looked at him narrowly and after the train started said:

"Kin you do any tricks with cards?"

"No. I never touched a card."

"Mebbe ye play the pianny."

"I know nothing of music except as a mathematical science."

"Well, ye ain't no boxer, I kin see by yer build. Mebbe ye play pool?"

"No."

"Er shuffleboard?"

"I never heard of the game before."

"Well, say, I've guessed ye this time. It's funny I didn't think of it before. Ye're a mesmerist."

"I'm nothing of the kind."

"Well, I'll give up. What is yer line? I know ye're in the biz, 'cause I heerd that young feller call ye 'perfesser.'"

"I am an instructor in Greek, rhetoric and ancient history."

"An yer can't do no tricks ner play music ner hypnotize?"

"Of course not."

The man turned and gazed out of the window on the opposite side of the car.

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Leave Ramseur	6 40 a m
Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
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Arrive Madison	11 55 "

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Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

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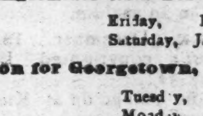

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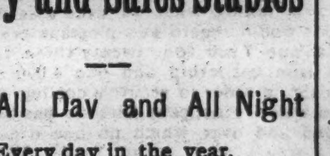

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DAILY 7.15 P M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.47 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.16 a m, Richmond 4.10 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 9 10 p m No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 3 58 p m, Newbern 5 20 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.20 p m, Sumter 9.30 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 8.20 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 6.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.12 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2.37 p m, Goldsboro 3 20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 21 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rock Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 3 p m No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 20 a m, Jacksonville 10 42, a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8.10 p m, Savannah 1 48 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8.20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10.44 a m, Chadbourn 11.45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4.30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.28 a m, Dillon 10 50 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.48 p m, Pee Dee 7.15 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 33 p m, Manning 7.00 p m, arrive Lane's 7 33 p m, leave Lanes 8.28 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.35 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m. arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 9.10 p m., Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 56 p m, Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m. Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2 20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.22 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m. 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 23 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.48 p m, Selma 1.55 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12 22 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 33 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 00 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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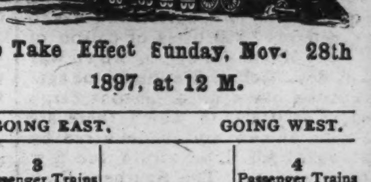

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3 Passenger Trains Arrive	3 Passenger Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Passenger Trains Arrive	4 Passenger Trains Leave
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....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 03	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 19, 1897.

A HOLIDAY RECESS.

Both Houses of Congress Adjourned Until January 5th—Relief Measures for the Klondike Miners Adopted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—To-day's open session of the Senate was brief, the time being consumed in the introduction of bills and resolutions, several of the latter calling for information from various departments being passed.

At 12.40 the Senate went into executive session. During this session the conference report upon the bill providing relief for the Klondike miners was received and adopted. The bill appropriates $200,000 to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war in the purchase of supplies for the relief of the people in the Yukon river country or other mining regions of Alaska and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies, provided that if the consent of the Canadian Government be obtained the Secretary of War may extend a relief into Canadian territory.

At 3 p. m. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 5th, 1898.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

This being the last day of the session before the holidays the chaplain of the House took occasion in his opening prayer to refer to the approaching season of peace and good will, and to pay a tribute to the late Representative Cooke of Illinois whose eulogies were set for to day.

The conference report of the emergency relief measure for the Klondike country was presented and agreed to. It fixes the amount of relief at $200,000, provides for securing the consent of Canada to extending the relief to the Canadian side, and authorizes the use of the army to carry out the relief measures. It also provides that the supplies must be purchased instead of being donated.

At 12:30 p. m. Mr. Boatelle, of Illinois, offered resolutions of profound regret on the death of Mr. Cook, of Illinois and eulogies were begun.

At 4:10 the eulogies being concluded the House adjourned to January 5.h.

CHICAGO WHEAT CLIQUE.

Enormous Deliveries, But Prices Held Firm—The Leiter Crowd Have All the Money They Need.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 18.—Despite predictions that this would be a day full of surprises on the board of trade, the bull clique, headed by Joseph Leiter, has smooth sailing apparently and seemed to have proved itself capable of doing what it promised. It took the 1,600,000 or more bushels of wheat yesterday, and today the deliveries amounted to 1,250,000 bushels more, but the prices held firm. The promised storm to-day was predicted because Armour had been unloading some of his enormous holdings yesterday. It was feared there would be a tremendous rush to day to dump all the wheat in Chicago into the lap of the syndicate. But the result proved this prophecy wrong.

The *Journal* says: "With the 1,250,000 bushels delivered to-day the Leiter crowd have 8,000,000 bushels of wheat in their possession acquired this week. How much more the syndicate has bought 'long' is not known, but it may be as much as 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 bushels. The amount, however, is probably only 5,000,0000 or 6,000,000 bushels at the outside. As December draws to a close it grows more and more probable the Leiter clique meant what it said when it announced that it wanted the wheat and was not in the market for the purpose of 'cornering' the cereal.

"It appears now that Joseph Lieter and those with him in this deal have arranged for all the money they need to pay for the enormous lot of wheat that will be delivered to them in all probability."

It is said that at least $6,000,000 was on deposit in various banks in this city to the credit of the December wheat clique for the purpose of paying for the wheat to be delivered to them.

COTTON SHIP ON FIRE.

British Steamer Aries Taking a Cargo at Norfolk—The Vessel Towed Out to Mid-Stream.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 18.—This morning about 1 o'clock a fire alarm was turned in from warehouse F, of the Seaboard Air Line, Portsmouth, occasioned by the discovery of fire in the hold of the British ship Aries, lying at Peters & Reed's wharf. The distress call of the steamer's whistle brought several tugs to her assistance. The fire engines and tugs did their best to extinguish the fire but were unsuccessful.

The Aries is one of the Johnston line of steamers, plying between Charleston and Liverpool. She had loaded a large quantity of new cotton and was to have taken on 1,200 bales of cotton of the famous Mayfield's cargo, which was partially destroyed by fire some time ago.

The Aries has a miscellaneous cargo valued at $300,000, in which there are 8,000 bales of new cotton delivered by the Seaboard Air Line within the past two or three days. The Southern Railway has a considerable interest in the cargo.

The extent of the fire, which is a mystery to both the Seaboard Air Line and the steamship people is unknown. The tugs J. G. Jones and Emma Kate Ross worked on the fire through the night, and by direction of the insurance companies interested, towed the ill-fated ship out to mid-stream this morning for the safety of the surrounding property.

CHAMPION FITZSIMMONS

Says McCoy Is Not Entitled to Special Credit for Whipping Creedon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., December 16.—Champion Robert Fitzsimmons, who is playing an engagement in this city, in commenting on the McCoy-Creedon fight, said:

"I do not take the rumor that McCoy will challenge me seriously. There are plenty of people ready to challenge me now that I have retired from the ring. McCoy is entitled to no special credit for whipping Creedon. Creedon has not been taking care of himself and was ready for a defeat. If he had been in the condition he was at New Orleans when I defeated him a year ago, McCoy would not have whipped him. He is more than a match for McCoy and I expected him to win.

"I will not fight the victor. I retired from the ring March 17 b. All this talk about another go with Corbett is bluff, inspired by the Brady-Corbett people."

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THE GERMAN EMPEROR RIDICULED BY ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS.

Signs of Unrest in the Sugar Colonies of Great Britain—Germany and France Anxious to Abolish Sugar Bounties—Great Britain's Precarious Hold on India.

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LONDON, December 18.—The general opinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplomat's remark: "It is a pity that Germany, having an easy, safe and simple, though slightly piratical piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform it without setting the whole world laughing." The papers are full of comment on the subject.

The *Times* says: "The august utterances are worthy of heroes of melodrama and would seem high flown to modern ideas if uttered by Philip II, as he dispatched the Armada, or Columbus, as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the ocean. The Kaiser evoked memories of Metz and Sedan to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Suez canal and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's peroration was closed by a specimen of almost Byzantine self-abasement, unique in the annals of modern Europe."

The *Saturday Review* thinks the nickname of "William the Witless" is no longer adequate, adding that he is "stark, staring mad." Continuing, the *Saturday Review* remarks: "In spite of the ominous fact that he has alienated the newspapers and professors, insulted the greatest nobles when they ventured to disagree with his extraordinary activity until the court is deserted and known throughout Germany as the court of parvenus, the poor creature continues to take himself seriously, as a sort of drill sergeant of providence."

The indications point to a passage in the Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament referring to the sugar interests of the colonies. It will probably announce that the Government has decided to propose a conference of the Powers interested in sugar bounties. It is understood the Government is prepared to announce at such a conference that unless the bounty system is abandoned Great Britain will impose countervailing duties.

The colonial office has been greatly exercised since the West Indian commission reported and since the discussions in the Reichstag, in which Herr Richter admitted that should Great Britain follow the lead of the United States and tax bounty-fed sugar the death knell of bounties would be sounded. Signs are not lacking that both Germany and France are anxious to abolish the bounties, but neither will abandon them so long as the other is free to maintain them and so monopolize the English market. The objections of the free traders to a protective measure will probably be overcome by a guarantee that the duties will be removed as soon as the bounties have ceased.

The signs of unrest in the sugar colonies are having effect upon the authorities. A West Indian planter writes to a friend in London saying: "If the standard of rebellion is raised in favor of an alliance with the United States, I will volunteer forthwith. We owe all our sufferings to the imperial government, and it is high time it was ended. England will have a rude awakening."

The reverse suffered by Gen. Westmacott's brigade in the Bara valley is in the nature of a disaster. When the euphemisms are translated the story appears to be that the most powerful force ever sent to the border has been bundled out of Afridiland neck and crop. On top of this comes the news that it is the intention of Sir William Lockhart, the British commander-in-chief, to invade the country in another direction. The reasons are obvious. The Government feels that something must be done forthwith to retrieve British prestige and the Khiber pass road, which the Afridis closed about six months ago, will probably be comparatively easily re-opened.

In the meanwhile, the worst impression has been created in Great Britain by the reiteration of the statement that the rank and file of at least four British regiments showed decided lack of pluck in the presence of native regiments.

An officer at the front writes: "The worst is that the native troops have seen the cowardice of their white comrades and they state openly that if any 'Tommy Atkins' is rude to them hereafter, they will hammer him; and the awful thing is, they can do so."

It is obvious that if the natives lose their respect for British courage, Great Britain's hold on India is most precarious. The whole fault seems to lie in expecting boys to do men's work and in turning them adrift just when they are becoming good soldiers. The campaign cannot end before March, and the cost, fully $30,000,000, will necessitate the intervention of the British treasury in order to avert the bankruptcy of India.

The society event of Paris this week was the sale of Jane Harding's jewels on Thursday. Her lap-dog's collar, studded with diamonds, brought $1,000; a dog collar, with superb pearl and diamond pendants, was sold for $7,000, and a pearl necklace was auctioned off for $9,000.

Sarah Bernhardt, in an interview on Wednesday, said: "My life is wearied by the ceaseless watch I am obliged to keep against vitriol. She has been escorted everywhere, having been threatened by the mother of Mademoiselle Klin, who, months ago, threatened to use vitriol and who, at Sarah's instance, was confined in an asylum.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The *Evening Post's* copyrighted London cable to-day says:

"The terrific goings on at Kiel over Prince Henry's departure for China have been the all-absorbing topic with Englishmen this week. 'Pale fear,' says the German national organ in Vienna, 'will penetrate to John Bull's marrow as he reads of it.' As a matter of fact John Bull's first impulse has been to split his sides with laughter over a farcical melodrama, such as no coming Christmas pantomime can hope to rival.

"When the Kaiser is staking 'my only brother' and calls 'heaven to witness how the German Michael has firmly planted on Chinese soil the shield, emblazoned with the imperial eagle, in order to afford protection once for all to him who applies for it,' the Englishman rudely laughs. He recalls that the German Michael is the mildest mannered of young men, the idol of his English grandmamma, who is taking what an even-seasoned sailor would regard as a pleasant cruise with one 7,000 ton, twenty three year old iron battleship and one 4,000 ton cruiser, in order to secure a coaling station which practically already has been ceded and over which no one dreams of a single shot being fired. When the same mild mannered young man apostrophises his own brother with 'most serene Emperor, most powerful lord, king and master, forever, hoch! hoch! hoch!' and eulogises 'the gospel of your Majesty's hallowed person,' blunt John Bull seriously asks himself whether these young people have not altogether lost their wits. Indeed, the *Saturday Review* to-day builds up an argument that 'William the Witless,' as it used to call him, has now gone stark, staring mad, and it is certainly to be remembered that by the unalterable etiquette of the German court the Emperor must himself have read Prince Henry's words beforehand. To closer students of European affairs, however, there seems much method in his madness. The average Englishman, who is laughing loudly to-day, probably will be puzzling his brains next week as to whether the German craze for naval power is not a thing to be reckoned with.

It may not have been more than a mere joke when, in talking to Count Eigle, the Emperor said: "You should visit China; by the time you get there you will find Prince Henry Emperor of China. Why should Emperor William not found a second India for Germans in China as a means of imperial aggrandisement and of averting the social revolution threatened at home?"

The *Spectator* dilates on this view to-day, and is quite prepared, perhaps, even to welcome the German Emperor as the acknowledged master and opener to civilization and foreign trade of the richest, best populated and quietest section of the Chinese Empire.

Kiao-Chou, with its harbor and hinterland, which Germany is annexing, is as large as Wales and full of people. It is capable of yielding a substantial revenue and of becoming the stepping-off place for the acquisition of the central division of China. These possibilities will come home to John Bull when he has done his laughing. Anticipating that time and taking advantage of the state of mind, bordering on frenzy, to which German trade rivalry has reduced no small section of the British people, the navy league, whose one desire is for increased naval armaments yesterday sent to London editors a document marked "private and confidential," begging them to awaken the public to the peril of the deadly enemy, silently, steadily and stealthily preparing to strike England down.

In the end they will succeed, for as soon as the German Emperor gets his naval vote through the Reichstag—and that seems the most obvious purpose of these Kiel antics—so surely will the cry go up for a proportional increase of the British navy.

MADRID ADVICES.

A Spanish Newspaper Disturbed at the Sending of a U. S. Squadron to the Gulf of Mexico.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, December 18.—The *Imparcial*, in an article on the United States Congress, says:

"After the insults and calumnies against Spain, our excellent, almost protector and friend, McKinley, as compensation, is going to send a squadron to the Gulf of Mexico, a measure never so unnecessary as now, since Cuba has a captain general whose policy is just and humane. Spain has just made concessions to Cuba. This is because the Yankees are seeking to justify the policy of the insurgents, who base their hopes on the intervention of their friends.

"The sending of this squadron will revivify their hopes and cause a continuation of the struggle. The intervention of the United States will be a monstrous act of cynicism. Those who kept silence in the presence of the German cruisers at Hayti do not dare to risk the disapprobation of Europe."

Continuing, the *Imparcial* says:

"We know means which will foil the tricks of the Yankees. These are the great wisdom of Spain, the great loyalty of the island, the grand activity in our arsenals and the great energy of the Government. It is unnecessary to mention the patriotism of Spain."

EXECUTION OF COL. RUIZ.

One of Blanco's Envoys Suffers the Death Penalty at the Hands of Cuban Insurgents.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 18.—Col. Ruiz, an aide de-camp of Marshal Blanco, sent to confer with the Cuban insurgents and urge acceptance of autonomy, was met by Gen. Aranguren and an escort of twelve men, who received him warmly. Ruiz urged the party to accept autonomy, and congratulated himself that he would induce them to return with him to Havana.

The insurgents in camp had not been prepared for the visit by Aranguren, and seeing Ruiz in his uniform and learning the object of his visit they demanded the application of the proclamation of Gomez and Rodriguez, which orders the infliction of the death penalty upon all persons who attempt to induce chiefs of the rebellion to surrender.

In compliance with their demands a court-martial was formed and the sentence of death was passed upon Ruiz. Aranguren stood aloof during the trial and allowed the death sentence to be carried out. Col. Ruiz was executed with a machete.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Appropriation in Aid of Striking Engineers in England—Officers Elected—Kansas City the Next Place of Meeting.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 18.—At to-day's session of the American Federation of Labor $500 was appropriated for the aid of the striking engineers of England. The President was also directed to issue an appeal to the unions of the country for contributions.

The following officers were elected: President, Samuel Gompers; First Vice President, P. J. McGuire; Second Vice President, James Duncan; Third Vice President, Robert Askew; Fourth Vice President, M. M. Girland; Treasurer, B. Lemon; Secretary, Frank Morrison; Legislative Committeeman, Andrew W. Furdseth, of San Francisco.

Kansas City was selected as the next place of meeting.

It was resolved to send fraternal delegates to the Canada Labor Congress and Duncan and Lloyd were chosen. The Federation adjourned until Monday.

Most of the business has been transacted and Tuesday, at least, should bring the session to a close.

THE LEUTGERT TRIAL.

Another Juror Under Investigation by the Defense—A Brother of the Missing Woman Testifies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 18.—Another juror in the Luetgert case is under investigation by the defence. Rumors were current to-day as to the juror's identity, but the attorneys refused to confirm or deny any of them. It was admitted, however, that there is some ground for the suspicion that one of the jurors expressed violent opinions relative to the merits of the case before he was summoned and that affidavits similar to those which led to the dismissal of Hoffman and Bossberg are likely to be obtained. It is said the juror expressed himself as anxious to hang Luetgert.

At the trial to-day Dietrich Bickney, a brother of the missing woman, was the first witness. The testimony did not differ materially from that given by Bickney in the former trial.

Ashland, seventeen miles north of Richmond, Va., reports a slight earthquake shock at 6.40 o'clock yesterday evening. The movement was from east to west.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

JUDGE SUTTON'S DENIAL

CONCERNING HIS ORDER TO THE SHERIFF OF MECKLENBURG.

A Flutter in Tobacco Circles Caused by Treasurer Worth's Ruling as to Warehousemen—The Charge Against Warden Russell of the Penitentiary.

[Special Star Correspondence.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 18.

Mr. E. C. Duncan, the new appointee to the collectorship of this district, returned home to-day. Mr. Duncan arrived here yesterday with the intention of going to Washington, D. C., but learned after his arrival that the President had sent in his name. Mr. Duncan says he has made no selections as to clerks. He will take the office as soon as the Senate confirms his nomination.

The negro Tom Shardric who disappeared mysteriously in the penitentiary yesterday afternoon, has not been located. The officials think he is in hiding in the building.

The charge has been made that Warden Russell of the penitentiary allowed two convicts to escape with an understanding that they should paint and repair a house of his in Robeson county. I saw Mr. Russell to-day and asked him about the report. "You can say for me that it is an infamous lie. I knew nothing of the escape of the convicts, for I was not even here at the time. I have not had any house of mine painted."

Governor Russell is in receipt of a letter from Judge Thomas Sutton, in which he makes denial of the published report that he ordered the sheriff of Mecklenburg to report the list of delinquent tax payers for the purpose of having them jailed.

Treasurer Worth's ruling that tobacco warehousemen must pay one per centum on their commissions will cause a flutter in tobacco circles all over the State. The State fixes the charges of tobacco warehousemen and they are only allowed 2½ per cent. on sales. Local warehousemen say they can not possibly stand this commission tax and that they will fight it in the courts.

WITHOUT HOSTILE INTENTION

A Russian Squadron Enters Port Arthur on the Chinese Coast.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 18.—It is announced that a Russion squadron under Rear Admiral Reonnow has entered Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the entire acquiescence of the Chinese Government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur throughout the Winter. This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station and involves no question of forcible occupation or hostile demonstration of any intention against China, Germany, Japan or any other power.

WARM WIRELETS

The Southern Railway will acquire the Memphis and Charleston January 1st. During the past week details of the transaction have been consummated and there is nothing pending to further delay the sale.

At 7.04 o'clock last night a slight earthquake shock was felt on the western suburbs of Richmond, Va. Windows and china in houses rattled, and the disturbance was accompanied by a rumbling sound.

The body of Lewis George Clarke, the original George Harris of Harriet Beecher Stowe's log cabin, died Thursday and will lie in state in the auditorium at Lexington, Ky., Sunday. No such honor has ever been paid a negro in Kentucky.

A dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck, who braced up for the Emperor's visit, has relapsed into his former weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically, Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining.

Sheriff M. S. Tarleton, of Ritchie county, West Va., has been shown to be about $10,000 short in his cash accounts and has been relieved from further duty, his bondsmen having given up. The cause of the shortage is not known.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease $3,161,875; loans decrease $1,406,000; specie, increase $888,100; legal tenders decrease $4,868,100; deposits, decrease $5,279,500; circulation, decrease $108,100. The banks now hold $15,796,050 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

The bodies of Voltaire and Rousseau were again exhumed at the Paris Pantheon, in order to settle a long-standing controversy as to their authenticity. The remains of Voltaire were well preserved and markedly resemble Houdon's statue. Of the body of Rousseau only the skeleton remained.

The new grand jury in the Olive Pecker case, at Norfolk, Va., returned three indictments against John Anderson, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, charging him with the murder of Captain Whitman and Mate Saunders, and with burning the vessel. Anderson was put on trial for the murder of Saunders and pleaded not guilty. A petit jury was empanelled and the case will come up Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The New York dry goods market was the scene of more activity at the close of the week than was the case at the opening. The shipments of goods are heavy, particularly in staple cottons, buyers having taken goods in large quantities since the reductions of the last three days. Sellers at first hand as a rule, are paying little attention to the future but are selling freely, wherever they can obtain their prices.

Sugar as Food.

The use of sugar is now advocated by medical men as a muscle producing food. If the ideas of Dr. Vaughan Harley are carried out, the college athlete not only of the future, but the present, will train on a saccharine diet exclusively. Athletes are now seriously considering the idea. Some, it is said, have already put it into practice.

For years past it has been one of the fundamental theories of trainers that sugar was hurtful if taken in quantity, and athletes were told to hold the product of the cane in abhorrence as a thing only detrimental to their interest. Now Dr. Harley makes the claim that sugar is not only harmless, but that it is, on the contrary, one of the best of foods for producing muscle.

The doctor says that physiologists have demonstrated that sugar is the principal if not the only source of muscular activity, and that it is present in large quantities in the blood during the activity of muscles, while the blood returning from these muscles is free from sugar. In support of this claim Dr. Harley says that a person living on sugar for 24 hours could do nearly as much work as on an ordinary full diet.—New York Journal.

Mice love pumpkin seeds and will be attracted to a trap baited with them when they will pass by a piece of meat.

Sandpaper will whiten ivory handled knives which have become yellow from age or usage.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Just arrived—A car Bell Apple Bananas and gathered carefully from the orchard. [illegible] W. F. Gibbes & Co. dec 18 1w

Just received another fresh lot of that fine Roasted Lagoarra Coffee, which, taking the verdict of those who use it, is the best in the city; no exceptions. Come try it. Atlantic Tea Co., 2 North Fourth street. Bell Telephone 191. de 19 tf

For this week only, 12 Photographs for one dollar. Front between Church and Castle streets. I have no ferrotypes. J. J. Bennett. de 19 1w

Holly, Mistletoe, Palms and Ferns. Roses and Carnations. Mrs. H. Rehder. [illegible] de 14 3t

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position. $40 per month and all expenses. P. O. Box 88, Philadelphia. de 16 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Timlen, 12 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectionaries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavrochielis, 105 North Fourth street. Bell Phone 366, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed; Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 92, Inter-State Phone No. 93. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Sternan, Produce Commission Merchant, 116 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, P. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 28 tf

Merchants—Wholesale and country merchants save time and money by letting me purchase your Peanuts. New process by which large quantities can be roasted at one time. Samples sent if required. A. S. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. nov 7 tf

Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 29 tf

Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 203. sep 21 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Meeler, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier et al. are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 61 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 467, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. CANTWELL, Commissioner.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 10 30t

James D. Nutt,

DRUGGIST AND

Pharmaceutical Chemist.

Personal attention to all prescription work. Full line. Everything pertaining to a strictly first class DRUG STORE. de 19 tf

Free Silver.

100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases (10c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
25 Cases Rex Powder.
25 Cases Blue Ribbon Powder.
25 Cases Horsford's.

We ship at lowest delivered prices in quantities.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
de 19 D&W tf Wilmington, N. C.

FIREWORKS.

We are not out of the Grocery business by any means, but in addition to our regular line, will be headquarters for

Fireworks.

Just received a nice lot of N. C. Hams which we offer at 12½c per lb.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
S. F. KING, Manager.
Bell Phone 287. Fourth Street Bridge.
de 19 tf

Christmas is Coming

And there is no better place to buy CHRISTMAS GOODS than from the undersigned. Car load of

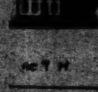
Fine Pineapples

Just received. Always keep on hand choice

Candies, Fruits, Nuts, Bananas, Dates, FIGS, RAISINS. If you need any of them it will be to your advantage to see me. Prices will be sure to please you.

A. F. FANTOPULAR,
de 16 tf 118 South Front street.

For Rent.



HOUSE ON NINTH BETWEEN Church and Castle streets. Four rooms water and good yard room in rear.

D. O'CONNOR.

Hamme, The Hatter,

THE OLD RELIABLE, IN THE LEAD with Hats, Caps and Umbrellas. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. Don't forget him.

dec 5 tf 26 North Front Street.

D. O'Connor,

REAL ESTATE AGENT, WILmington, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money loaned on improved city real estate. sep 5 tf

Prempert's Barber Shop,

NO. 11 SOUTH FRONT STREET, FIRST-class Work at Reasonable Prices. Give us a call. Respectfully,

ARTHUR PREMPERT

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CARD.

NOVEMBER 30TH, 1897.

MESSRS. MERCER & EVANS CO.:

GENTS:—I am more than pleased with the Nice Watch given me by your enterprising firm. I find it to be an excellent time keeper. Besides being well pleased with your nice and valuable present, I am well satisfied with the SHOES I have bought from you for myself and friends, and I cheerfully recommend you to my friends and the public in general, especially to those needing and intending to buy anything in your line.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. J. MERRIDITH.

On Monday, January 31, 1898, we will open the box and count up. The person having brought us the greatest amount of trade in dollars and cents, will have the first choice of the THREE NICE PRESENTS, (a real Leather Dressing Case, 24x19½ inches; a Fine Pair of Opera Glasses, and a Nice Gold plated Watch) the next highest the next choice, and the third will get "Hobson's Choice."

OUR STOCK, we assert, is now the Newest, Cleanest and Best we ever had. Our trade is good and we thank our friends. Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.

de 19 tf

We Started Out

By selling Ice to the trade only, but we cannot refuse to respect the WISHES OF THE PUBLIC.

We have decided therefore to furnish

Pure Crystal Ice,

delivered AT YOUR DOOR at the rate of 40 cents per hundred pounds in lots of 5 pounds and upward.

We can make it to your advantage to give us a share of your trade.

Respectfully,

The Wilmington Brewing Association.

Get Ice tickets from the wagon or at its factory, corner of Dock and Water streets. no 17 tf

PIANOS.

We are ready for Christmas with the most varied and

Complete Stock of Pianos

ever exhibited in the city. Every Instrument has been

Carefully Selected

and the prices are in reach of all

E. VAN LAER,
403 North Fourth street

Open evenings. de 15 tf

Money to Lend.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE N. C. Home Building Association

is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,
dec 5 tf Secretary and Treasurer.

Horses and Mules

25 Head of Horses.

25 Head of Mules.

Just received.

Call and examine. You will certainly find one to please you. Don't buy until you have seen this fresh new lot of fine stock.

F. T. MILLS,
nov 28 tf 112 and 114 North Water St.

OPERA HOUSE,

WEEK COMMENCING

Monday, December 20.

SATURDAY MATINEE.

The Lees

Great Company of HYPNOTISTS.

Change of program nightly.

Prices—50, 35, 25 and 15 cents.

de 17 3t

At the Unlucky Corner

PLENTY OF FAT

Turkeys and Celery.

CUT PRICES THIS WEEK ON

Pure Leaf Lard.

de 15 tf S. W. SANDERS.

To Any Non-Catholic in North Carolina

"Truth"

ONLY TEN CENTS PER ANNUM.

To any non-Catholic in North Carolina we will send for only ten cents per annum, "Truth," a Catholic magazine devoted to giving TRUE explanations of the Catholic Church, that is of the Catholic Church as it is, not as caricatured and misrepresented. Address, "TRUTH," Raleigh, N. C.

REV. THOS. F. PRICE, Manager.

D&W

Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

ON AND AFTER SEPT. 9TH TRAINS WILL run as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington at 6.30 p. m., [illegible]
Leave Ocean View at 7.00 a. m., and [illegible]

SUNDAY TRAINS.

Leave Wilmington at 9.30 p. m. and [illegible]
Leave Ocean View at [illegible]

R. OSCAR GRANT, Superintendent.

sep 28 tf

J. A. SPRINGER & CO

Ours is not especially Thanksgiving COAL nor Christmas COAL. Better still, it is every day COAL, seven days to the week; particularly adapted to good cold weather, such as we are likely to have from this time on. For high grade Hard Coal, both Red Ash and White Ash, in Egg Stove, Furnace and Range sizes, well screened and promptly delivered; also, for Tennessee Lump Coal. Your orders respectfully solicited. Our Coal will not only cook turkey in great shape, but is equally as good for cooking hog and hominy.

J A Springer & Co

de 19 tf

NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

In Store and to arrive by New York Steamer.

A Beautiful Line of Imported Crockery.

LADIES' AND GENTS' HANDKERCHIEFS IN ALL QUALITIES.

Our Carpets are still going. The best All Wool Carpet at 50 cents per yard. Moquette and Smyrna Rugs at a reduction. Call at

J. J. SHEPARD'S,
de 19 tf 18 Market Street Wilmington, N. C.

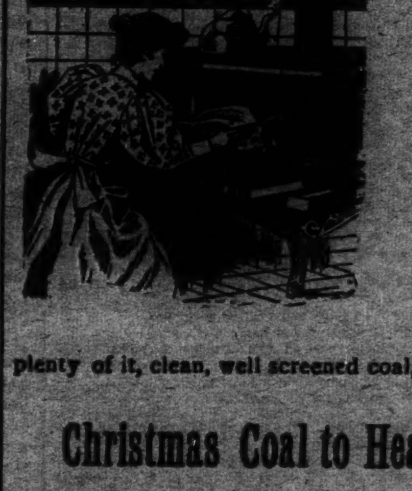
Xmas Presents.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, of Every Description.

Dolls, Games, Furniture, Carriages, Wagons, &c.	Fancy Crockery, Cups and Saucers, Vases, &c.
Musical Instruments.	SILVERWARE.
DRESS GOODS at special Xmas prices.	Celluloid Articles.
Table Cloths and Doylies.	Perfumery.
Gloves and Handkerchiefs.	Hats and Bonnets.
Umbrellas and Canes.	Clocks and Watches.
JEWELRY.	CLOAKS, CAPES AND SHAWLS.
Underwear and Hosiery.	Carpets, Rugs, Mattings and Window Shades.
SHOES AND SLIPPERS.	Clothing and Hats.
Everything for Fancy Work.	Mackintoshes.
Bicycle Sundries.	Xmas Tree Ornaments.

Our Stock is very large, well selected, and our prices low enough to suit any one.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,
NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.
Bell Phone 118. Inter-State 318.
Car fare paid on purchases of $2.00 and up. de 19 tf



SANTA CLAUS

Is reconnoitering now for the choicest in the land, and we expect him to rob our coal yard every day now of its

HIGH GRADE COAL,

that is fit to roast your turkey tender for the Yuletide feast. We have plenty of it, clean, well screened coal, no slate, no stones, no dirt.

Christmas Coal to Heat, Roast or to Bake.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Bell Telephones 64 and 94. Inter-State 146.

de 19 tf

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas. Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1.50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1.25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard.
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard.

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY THIS WEEK

de 17 tf

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer

Never More Worthy Than Now.

STORE NOTES.

Is your thought on Lace Curtains? We can embody it for you here. Carpet stock new at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Got the parasols ock into shape; pleased to have you make your selections. Do you buy Dress Linings here? We're equipped to suit you satisfactorily, linings at satisfactory prices. Here's a notion and ribbon stock to be proud of. They're little things, but little things count in this shop.

JACKETS AND CAPES ALWAYS.

Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We're cloak traders here from A to Z. Know where, when, what and how to buy; and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers. "No big profits" is the creed here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of top notch garments for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2.00 to $25.00.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are five reasons for all this; we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Dollar Kid Gloves. Laced and buttoned, all warranted.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh impetus from such lines as these, some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done. The how and the why matters little, the fact of its being done is sufficient, our money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W. B. Corsets. de 12 tf

Seals, Stock Certificates,
Cancelling Machines,
R. R. Dating Stamps,
Rubber Type, Sign Markers,
Self inking Linen Markers,
Indelible Ink, Stamp Pads and Ink.

Wilmington Stamp Works.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Bell Phone 360. de 12 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS,
de 12 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.